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Local public-access channel taking first steps into digital age

By ALISON ALOISIO

"When DVDs started coming in, we had to convert them to videotapes. We were downgrading our signal instead of getting better," said Channel 11 studio manager Wayne Howe.

That was when he knew it was time to bring the local TV station's equipment into the 21st century.

Channel 11, also known as Western Hills Access Television (WHAT), has been the local public access cable channel for 20 years. It is based at Telstar High School.

Howe, a station volunteer for the past seven years, took over its management last fall from Lainey Cross, who has served in many volunteer capacities for the past 15 years.

Both have spent much of

their time filming.

She has videotaped local events ranging from Telstar graduations to the Rotary Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon.

He has focused primarily on live broadcasts of Telstar basketball games, first serving as cameraman for announcer Ray Seames and then taking over the play-by-play himself.

The video has served its purpose adequately over those years, they said.

But about three years ago they began receiving other shows to broadcast, in the form of DVDs. To play them on the Channel 11 system, Howe or Cross had to convert them to tape.

They decided it was time to

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Newry approves \$150K for erosion work, elects Gary Wight selectman

By ALISON ALOISIO

By a single vote, Fire Chief Gary Wight was elected selectman at Newry's annual Town Meeting Monday.

Wight edged Brooks Morton 24-23, with Wight's brother, Mark, garnering 4 votes.

Gary Wight will succeed Steve Wight, who retired after 34 years on the board.

Gary Wight must now resign his position as fire chief. He is expected to be succeeded by Asst. Chief Bruce Pierce.

The outgoing selectman, Steve Wight, was recognized for his service by the 60 people at the meeting.

Board chair Jim Largess praised Wight's ability to offer his opinion on issues without being "condescending." "He says: 'Here's what I think,'" said Largess. "I respect the way he does that."

Steve Wight said he had found satisfaction in "the opportunity to see how we build a community and make it work."

Another new face representing the town will be Deb Webster, who will serve on the SAD44 School Board. She succeeds director Bill Brown.

Brown, who did not attend the meeting, had told town officials he would serve if no other citizen was interested.

Webster was unopposed.

Money articles

In an hour and a half townspeople approved all articles on the warrant, for a municipal budget totaling just under \$1 million.

Among the money articles was \$145,471 for erosion control work on the Bear River.

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'Chop and drop' river project lands dispute at selectmen's feet

By ALISON ALOISIO

A grant-funded "chop and drop" erosion control project in Newry a year ago dropped some trees on to the wrong property, setting off a dispute with a landowner.

Former selectman Steve Wight will now act as intermediary to arrange mitigation work.

The cutting in question, carried out by Fiddlehead Environmental Consulting and Caribou Springs LLC, is intended to control erosion for about a half mile along Branch and Chase Hill brooks in the Bear River Valley.

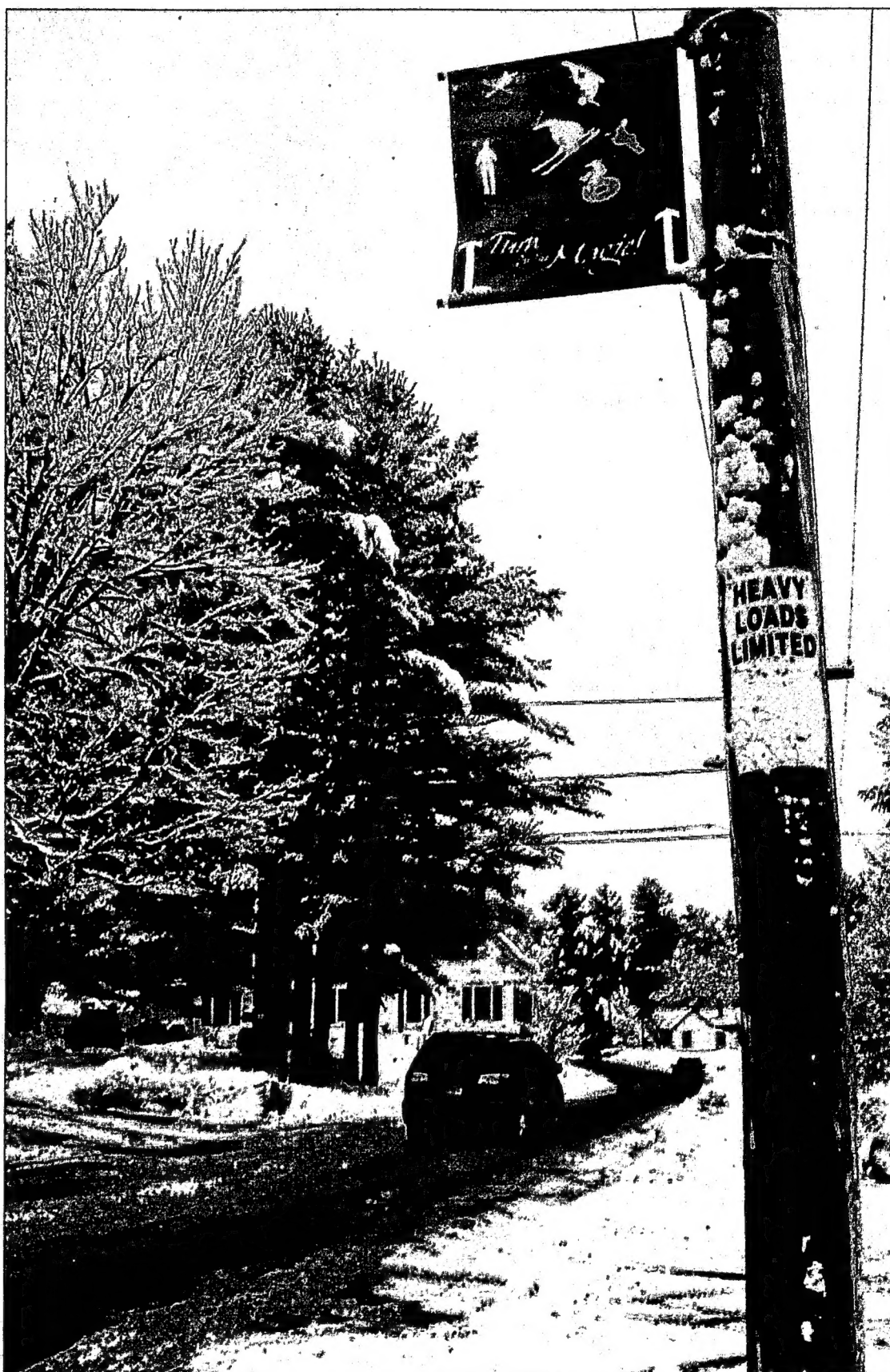
The unchecked erosion had been impacting bridges downstream on the Branch Road, according to Fiddlehead's Jeff Stern.

Chop and drop is a technique in which small trees are cut at strategic intervals to fall into and across a brook. They catch sediment, and also provide habitat for brook trout, Stern told selectmen Tuesday.

Stern had obtained permission to cut trees on Cliff Akers' property, he said, and to have them fall across the brook

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Mud Season rules of the road



A STEADY LINE OF CARS negotiated the sloppy Howe Hill Road in Locke Mills Sunday, on their way to Mt. Abram and some of this winter's best skiing. But heavier vehicles, like logging trucks, had to deal with Mud-Season rules, as the town, and a number of others in the area, posted its roads early. Roads are generally posted mid-March or so, Town Manager (and Road Commissioner) Kim Sparks said, but warm weather has forced the earlier posting this year. This marks the second year in a row the notices have gone up early, she said — last year, in fact, they went up in early January. Note: the heavy (over 23,000 pounds) rigs can still use the posted roads, but only when the temperature is below freezing and the road surface is solid. (Photo: M. Daniels)

West Paris vote seen as critical to fate of Tri-Town

By MICHAEL DANIELS

"It's a cutthroat kind of business," Norm St. Pierre, director of Tri-Town Rescue Service, said Tuesday.

He was referring to the business of providing emergency medical services, and to Tri-Town's life-or-death battle to stay alive past Saturday's annual Town Meeting in West Paris.

Tri-Town currently serves four municipalities, West Paris, Greenwood, Sumner and Milton Plantation, but West Paris will vote Saturday whether to sign a new contract with Tri-Town or sign

'It could be all over Saturday. If West Paris votes out that contract, the service is gone.'

NORM ST. PIERRE
Director

up instead for ambulance service from PACE.

Such a decision would not be unprecedented, and it would almost certainly signal the end of the 29-year-old organization.

Until last year Tri-Town also served Woodstock, but at their annual Town Meeting in March voters there opted to drop Tri-Town in favor of PACE.

The decision was prompted in large part by concerns about Tri-Town's financial stability, and it had the effect of making that situation worse.

With Woodstock's call volume gone, Tri-Town's finances became even more precarious.

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'Hey there, bluegrass fans — Skip, up here at Mt. Abram'

By MICHAEL DANIELS

You grew used to the voice: "Hey, skiers — Skip, up here at Sunday River."

But are you really ready for the "melodic-style picking"?

If so, you might want to wander over to Mt. Abram this weekend.

Skip King, the long-time spokesman for Sunday River, will be returning to the local ski scene — not with a compressible snow gauge in hand, but with a banjo.

His return marks the latest stop on a journey that began one chilly autumn afternoon in 1988, on a strip of hillside that was in the process of becoming "the steepest, longest, widest lift-served expert trail in the East."

King had long had an interest in the guitar, and for a time had done some off-and-on "semi-pro gigging at several joints at Killington."

But then came an offer to become Sunday River's ski pa-

ing. "And in the autumn of the year that we built White Heat (1988), there was a guy by the name of Chuck Thornton working on the trail crew. Chuck was and is a very inter-

'My banjo playing traces back to a chilly autumn afternoon on White Heat.'

SKIP KING

est guy — at the time, he was building electric bass guitars (great ones, by the way — and now he builds custom electric guitars — www.ep-thorntonguitars.com).

"Chuck and I would talk about music while we were schlepping seed and hay up and down White Heat."

"One day Chuck asked if I'd ever been interested in the banjo. I allowed as how I'd noodled with one once and thought it kind of cool. He asked if I wanted to buy a ban-

jo; he had one, he wasn't using it and he needed cash so he'd sell it to me for cheap.

"It was a student model from a well-respected banjo company — Ode (which at that time was actually owned by Baldwin, the piano company). I agreed to buy it. On my next trip to Portland I got an instructional book and started trying to teach myself to play.

In that there were no banjo players within 20 miles of Bethel — at least, none that I could find.

"It went nowhere. None of it made sense to me. After about three months I basically put the banjo into its case and stuck it in a closet. It remained in that closet until 2004, when I moved down to Gray, where it sat in another closet until November of 2005."

At that point, however, King, who had left Sunday River three years earlier and started his own PR firm, felt the need for "a project."

So he started to take ban-

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Letters

MAP TALK A BIG HIT

To the Editor:

Thanks to the sterling organizational skills of Stephen Seames, and Alan Connors' generous donation of the Bethel Inn Conference Center, the recent Mahoosuc Land Trust Local Knowledge program featuring Barry Allen's talk on the early mapping of Maine was a big hit. Over 100 folks attended the Allen presentation. Many more visited the day-long exhibition of maps and surveying artifacts.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is grateful to the many contributors whose interest and generosity helped in our successful venture. Contributors include: Andover Historical Society, Maine Historical Society and Fran Pollit, Bethel Historical Society, Gilead Historical Society and Lynn and Hugh Chapman, Paris Cape Historical Society, Bethel Water District, Ben Conant, Barry Allen, Arlan and Eleanor Jodrey, Col. Errol Briggs, the Pierce Family, Brian Bailey, Rebecca Kendall, Craig Davis, James Mitchell, Stanley R. Howe, John Laban, Nicholas Noyes, Kristin King, Fred Bailey, Fred and Rosie Burke, Gary Inman, Robert and Nancy Chadbourne, the Town of Bethel and Jim Doar, the Estate of Capt. Horace Gray Morse, Jr., Nomade Café, Norway, Stephen Trent Seames Trust, Woodleigh and Lee Hughes, Kenneth and Gail Briggs Butterfield, Estate of Kenneth Hawley Knight, Family of Charles "Bucky" Burnham, Ruth Grover, Richard and Sally Taylor, Tranten Family, LLC d/b/a Tranten Grocery, Sarah Tucker, Don Murphy, Andy Wheeler.

Frank Votg
Board Member of the Mahoosuc Land Trust

WHY THE DIATRIBES?

To the Editor:

One questions why the Bethel Citizen continues to subject its readers to the weekly feminist diatribes of Sharon Bouchard.

Ms. Bouchard may have a personal goal of having the entire population of Western Oxford County sit down when they urinate, but there are impressionable boys and girls who may want to know why she says "testosterone that makes guys so flaky that also makes them so mechanically inclined." Does Ms. Bouchard read the New England Journal of Medicine and is paraphrasing some recent NIH study or is she merely using the Citizen to vent her feminist version of the gender wars? Why?

Paul Hausman
Albany

AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have the opportunity each year at our Annual Dinner to recognize deserving community servants, a Bethel area business that has made significant strides in the past year, a Forest Products Industry entrepreneur, a young and ambitious entrepreneur, four excellent employees who have made extraordinary contributions to their workplaces and three graduating students as well as a special award this year, the "Rocky Freda Memorial" Award.

All are welcomed to this event on Friday, May 7, for a special evening of recognition and celebration.

The Awards Committee of the Chamber is seeking nominations for these awards. Anyone may submit a nomination, although the employee awards must be initiated by the individual's employer or supervisor. Nomination forms, as well as descriptions of the individual awards, are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, or by calling 824-2282. Nominations are open until April 1 and should be sent to Annual Awards, c/o Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217.

For the benefit of those individuals unfamiliar with this process, recognition is given through the following awards: The Rising Star Award, The Lifetime Achievement Award; Forest Products Industry Award; Public Service Award; Non-Profit Leadership Award, and Business of the Year Award. We are also seeking nominations from business owners and managers to recognize deserving employees in the following award categories: Hospitality Employee of the Year, Retail and Service Employee of the Year, Ski Services Employee of the Year, and Education Employee of the Year. The Rocky Freda Memorial Award will be presented an individual who exemplifies those qualities reminiscent of Rocky: a sincere love for the outdoors, a demonstrated track record of stewardship of the forest and river assets and who is using these talents as a Maine Guide. Please contact the chamber office for any questions regarding the awards criteria.

The individual nominating should plan to be at the event for the presentation and supporting their award recipient, and we do have an emcee at the microphone in light of the fact that many people do not like to speak in front of a crowd.

The 41st annual Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner and Silent Auction will be held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Resort. The cost is \$38 per person for a complete buffet dinner, from "appetizer to dessert. Table sponsorships are available at \$300 for groups of eight. Call the chamber office at 824-2282 for reservations or information.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director

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KILLING WILDLIFE WITH OUR TAX MONEY

To the Editor:

With all of the budget problems facing the state of Maine this year, one would think that a top priority would not be spending money on the intentional releasing of a poisonous pesticide into the pristine waters of remote C-Pond, intending to kill all of the wildlife in and around the water.

You see, the state is trying to protect the wild trout in the pond, from all those nasty bass and sunfish. So, hmmm, what to do, what to do? Why, kill them all, of course. Wild trout and all. Then, restock every year with non-native trout, annually spending even more taxpayer money. This makes a lot of sense, doesn't it? If I were the wild trout, I'd rather take my chances with those bass bullies.

Over \$100,000 has been spent by Maine Inland Fish and Wildlife on C-Pond recently. Biological studies, installing a fish trap on the Dead Cambridge River, "electronic" fishing to kill only the "bad" fish, and lots of other fun stuff, all of which were designed to stop those bass and sunfish from getting into the pristine waters of C-Pond and terrorizing the native trout population. All it did, I think, was justify a few more state jobs.

State Biologist Dave Boucher (who is paid over \$75k of "your" tax money in the form of salary and benefits) seems to be spending a lot of his time contemplating the fate of those poor fish out at C-Pond. He assures me that much of the money that has been spent out there is "private" money. Oh, and government grants. And, oh yeah, matching funds from an unidentified source. And, well OK, his time "is" paid for by the state, too (your taxes). Alrighty, Dave.

I should explain a little more to you about C-Pond. If you look on Map 18 of the Maine Gazetteer, you will see one dirt road that goes out there. The road is used by three camp owners who are lucky enough to own the only leases on the pond. And, of course, the landowner and management company that controls the land and harvests timber around the pond. And no one else. Because, on the map, you will notice a gate just before the bridge over Mountain Brook. Apparently, several years ago, the state thought there was a good chance of the folks boating on C-Pond to climb hundreds of feet up a sheer cliff to molest the falcon fledglings. So, the gate was installed under this pretense, and surprise! It never came out.

Of course there is public access to the pond, they say. If you'd like, you could walk in the two miles from the gate (ATVs are not allowed), and if you are really physically fit, you could even carry a canoe on your shoulders the whole way. Or, you might just be content with fishing from the shore at the public access area. That is, if you could navigate your way through the thick underbrush, scramble down the steep sandy banking, find some way of getting your lure in the water between the alders, and oh yeah, you don't mind catching minnows, the only fish that swim anywhere near the shallow, sandy beach.

I have been talking with Dave for over a year now. He says he sure does wish that pesky gate would be moved back to the camp road, but admits the state has no plans to negotiate with the gatekeepers, whoever they may be. Wait, I thought the state biologists recommended the gate? Something sure stinks here, and it's not the fish...

If the public has no access, why then, does the state insist on continuing to spend lots of "your" tax dollars, to "protect" those coveted trout? Unbelievably, they don't seem to care if the trout are wild or not; just so long as they aren't bass. But if only three people can really fish there, why does it even matter? And why would the state even consider stocking it annually with "fake" trout?

Should they be cutting state funds from the poor, the elderly, the veterans and the mentally handicapped, while we protect the fish for these three campowners who don't even wish to share "their" pond?

About a year ago, I sent an e-mail on the subject to the governor's office on wasteful spending, and was expediently referred to the IFW Commissioner's Office. I received a message from a gentleman advising me to contact him and two of his underlings with my questions. I did several times over the past few months, with no response.

Silly me thought they had possibly abandoned the project, but a legal notice recently appeared in the local newspaper. Apparently, they have decided to proceed with the pond poisoning.

There is a public hearing at the Andover Town Office at 6:30 p.m. on March 10. I hope you can all attend and ask lots of questions.

Brenda Stickney
Andover

A VISIT TO M.H.S. BRINGS SURPRISES

To the Editor:

I have lived in Bethel for many years and have heard about the help that is given to people who love to ski and are now able to ski again. A few weeks ago I went out for lunch with a friend who takes the classes and surprised me by taking me up to the Handicapped Skiing.

To say that I was impressed is an understatement. I was wide-eyed and speechless. I guess I expected it to be a somber place, but everyone seemed to be having fun. The school is on a section all its own with slopes of different sizes, some small for little children and other sizes for adults. The children were having a ball. They would fall down and laughing would pick themselves up and start again. There was always an instructor nearby who allowed them to be independent.

There were longer slopes for adults who obviously had skied all their lives and have some sort of a problem but are determined to learn to ski again. Their instructor is trained and knows how to help correct each person's problem. I was very impressed. It certainly made me open up my pocketbook and wish I had more to give this group.

Thank you students, thank you teachers and thanks everyone else that I noticed working very hard inside the lodge working, organizing and volunteering their time to keep the program going.

And let's not forget the small group of people who envisioned the potential in these mountains that surround our town and did more than just talk about it; they got busy and made a good thing out of it for Bethel.

I did nothing to help it but I do remember it well. Bethel is a special town to me.

Sue Farrar
Bethel

REMEMBERING BETTY CROWLEY

To the Editor:

On Feb. 18, 2010 Bettina (Betty to her friends) Crowley passed out of this world and into the next, wherever that may be. I would like to believe that my younger sister, her best friend and parents were there to greet her.

In the hours we spent sitting by her side, many fond remembrances were brought into the room, where she could hear how loved she was. Our father spoke of the moment in 1948 when he first met her at a Grange Hall dance, the pursuit that bordered on stalking and the resulting elopement in 1949. They were married for nearly 61 years and his life had been lived with her needs in mind. He was losing half of who he was with her passing.

She bore six children by the time she was 28 years of age and life was not easy on a mechanic's wages, but they managed.

She always had a gentle spirit, smiling freely and often. Sharing it with everyone she met without restriction. Judging others was not her job, that belonged to a more intelligent force than she, so everyone felt comfortable with her.

She loved nature, all of nature. The smell and feel of the earth on her hands as she worked her gardens; the sight and sound of wildlife from the smallest mouse to the mighty bear or lumbering moose (with the possible exception of snakes), and she was a sun worshipper for years. The sound of rain on the roof above her head at night, as long as it wasn't accompanied by thunder and lightning.

She could beat the pants off my brothers and our Dad at horseshoes, badminton, and cribbage. She loved to go for walks, holding hands with her grandchildren, all children, snowmobiling, freshwater boat rides, long lazy rides in her blue Mustang convertible, and PowWows. She loved Big Band music and dancing with Richard; hot fudge sundaes.

She was fiercely loyal to friends and family and would do battle for them before fighting for herself. Her needs were few, and she delighted in the smallest of things; a brilliant sunrise or sunset, the smell of freshly mowed grass, watching birds and squirrels at her birdfeeders; the sound of children laughing, she never really wanted more.

She was loved deeply by her family and friends and will be sorely missed. Gentle, unassuming souls are becoming forgotten treasures. They enrich our lives without fanfare or requiring acknowledgement, they simply give. The loss of Betty's gentle, unassuming soul has left our lives severely diminished.

On behalf of Betty's family, we thank everyone who came into her life, good or bad, that helped make her the person she was. She will be sorely missed, but our hearts will always remember.

Donna Thompson
New Hampshire

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability.

Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A Canadian tank truck carrying "black liquor" to the Mead Corp. mill in Rumford went out of control on a curve just west of Gilead and rolled off the road.

Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of Beauty Lou and the Country Beast were held at Crescent Park Elementary School.

A broken water main at the intersection of Main and Philbrook streets, likely caused by shifting from frost and the age of the pipe, was repaired by the Bethel Water District and Cross Excavation.

Births: Jason Frederick Smith, Haiven Dezirae Mason.

Deaths: Helen A. Robichaud, Alton W. Myers, Fred A. Pike.

20 years ago: The Gamm II factory in the Bethel Airport industrial park closed its doors costing 48 people their jobs.

Edward M. Snook was appointed publisher and Christy Cross was appointed editor of the Bethel Citizen.

The third annual "Joy of Skiing" event sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Cadet Troop No. 712 and Sunday River Cross-Country Ski Center was enjoyed by many.

Births: Bailey Elizabeth Davis, Jenna Elizabeth Gaudreau, Ashley Rhonda Brown. Deaths: Fred N. Raymond, Freeman Merrill, Jr., Timothy Robert Morrill, Marshall Smith, Ellsworth "Root" Lawrence.

30 years ago: The Greater Bethel Chamber of Commerce held a "Meet the Bethel Candidates" night as part of its regular annual meeting.

Woodstock Elementary School 5th and 6th graders completed a six-hour "Basics of Babysitting" course offered through the Stephen's Memorial Hospital Health Education Department.

Twenty racers turned out for the Maine Cup Cross-Country Race at Sunday River Ski Touring Center.

Death: Mrs. Winifred B. Hanscom.

40 years ago: Telstar Regional High School successfully defended its Western Maine Class B Regional Ski Championship. Tom Remington was skimeister with a four-event total of 368.66 points.

Dr. John Young was making alterations providing for additional space to his office on Broad Street.

John Winslow was delivering mail on RFD 1, taking the place of Clayton Bane.

Death: Joseph F. Harrington.

50 years ago: Stanley and Amos Roberts, Bob Morton, Paul Wight, Jack Trinward, Robert Keniston, Elton Coolidge and Dana Brooks went to Wilsons Mills to shovel off roofs at Bosebuck Camps.

Over 200 parents and children attended the annual Blue and Gold Banquet of Cub Scout Pack No. 165.

Peter Davis placed first in the Class II ski jumping at the Junior Nordic Olympics at Rumford.

Births: Randy Lee Deanis, Lee Ann Burnham, Susan Mary Packard.

Deaths: Mrs. Constance D. Alger, Mrs. Ruby S. Cunningham.

60 years ago: The plant of the E. L. Tebbets Spool Co. at Locke Mills was destroyed by fire. Loss was estimated at \$250,000.

Stanley L. Brown and Frederick P. Grover were candidates for election to the school committee.

Miss Marlene Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orde Anderson, was crowned queen of the Gould Academy Carnival.

Deaths: Mrs. Hattie Titus Springer, Dellison C. Conway.

100 years ago: Bethel Grange 58 was holding meetings featuring practical thinking on agricultural subjects.

One hundred sixty-four Odd Fellows from south of Bethel came by train to Bethel to confer degrees at the Odd Fellows hall.

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Letters

REMEMBERING NORMAN K. FERGUSON JR.

To the Editor:

The death of Norman K. Ferguson Jr. on Feb. 22 brings to mind a lifetime of memories not only of Norm Jr., but his remarkable father and mother. In addition, Norm Jr.'s sister, Margaret, was in my class at Gould Academy, where we often had lively political discussions.

One of my earliest political memories was when I was about ten viewing this silver-haired distinguished looking gentleman (later he would be known as the "Silver Fox") being driven by someone I don't recall into our yard at East Bethel.

I was told he was Norm Ferguson and he was running for the Maine House of Representatives.

I was very impressed that he took the time to talk to a young kid, but I would come to realize later that the Fergusons (father and son) would spend their lives encouraging all kinds of young people to enter the political fray.

My father, a life-long Democrat, came to know Norm Sr. well as his plumber and was always impressed with his political style and acumen.

Norm Sr.'s service to his constituents as State Representative and later State Senator and State Treasurer assumed legendary proportions. He was a colorful figure and the stories that were told about him and his experiences would fill a good-sized book.

His wife, Hazel, was a bright woman whose blunt-spoken honesty could often be jarring to certain politicians, but never seemed to have a noticeable effect upon her husband.

With all this as background, Norm Jr., was born into a thoroughly political family and learned much from his Dad. He was equally responsive to constituents throughout his career and served the public with significant distinction.

Unlike his Dad, however, he was noted for the brevity of his remarks. (How well I recall him urging his father to cut short his extensive reports at Republican County meetings when Ferguson Sr. was the party's chief fundraiser.)

Like his Dad, Norm, Jr. was respected by Democrats and often worked well with them in legislating. He helped numerous candidates win election to office and as in his father's case was a prodigious fundraiser for the party.

For over 30 years, Norm and I worked together on many campaigns. Norm, or "Fergie" as he was often known, was a good friend as he was to so many people.

We all will greatly miss him (and his humor), but I can never think of politics without remembering so many remarkable times as we worked in the political vineyard.

The old adage, "there are no final victories in politics" was a guiding axiom in Norm's political DNA. When one campaign ended, he began planning the next. Only declining health dimmed that zeal, but even as he faced death, any mention of politics would bring some flash of the old spirit back to his face.

What an inspiration he was to so many of us as we look back on his extraordinary life and legacy!

Stan Howe
Bethel

King

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FORMER SUNDAY RIVER SPOKESMAN SKIP KING will be performing on the bango this weekend at Mt. Abram, as part of the "Whitegrass" outdoor bluegrass jam.

jo lessons, and then found himself becoming increasingly involved with the greater Portland area music scene.

Eventually he and some like-minded musicians formed a bluegrass band, "Cumberland Crossing," which will be performing, along with four other bands, Saturday and Sunday at "Whitegrass: Maine's only winter outdoor bluegrass jam."

The jam is presented by Gritty's and will be held at Mt. Abram, which on Sunday

will also be hosting "The New England Telemark Festival — Knees in the Trees Telebration."

More details on all the weekend's event are available at www.mtabram.com.

(Note: King, while also an accomplished wordsmith, takes no credit for the famous "steepest, longest, widest" line, which helped put White Heat on the Eastern ski map. That memorable bit of marketing spin was, he said, "pure Otten.")

Briefly

Andover to discuss AES at TM

ANDOVER—The warrant for the March 20 Town Meeting will include an article to "discuss the Town's financial commitment keeping the [Andover Elementary] school open," according to selectman chair Susan Merrow. SAD44 is currently considering closing the school beginning in the 2011-2012 school year. The town has the option to keep it open, if residents are willing to pay the cost that would otherwise be saved by the district. "The Andover School Board members, Sid Pew, Tim Akers and Keith Smith, attended the selectmen's meeting last night [Tuesday] to give an update on the SAD 44 budget situation. There is serious discussion about the closing of Andover Elementary and citizens should make themselves aware of this," Merrow said. Current proposals can be viewed online at <http://www.sad44.org/>. In other business, Andover residents will need to continue to go to Mexico for car registrations for a few weeks, Merrow said. Taxes can continue to be paid at the Town Office. Town Clerk Elaine Morton and Treasurer Sandy Conrad submitted their resignations, effective in mid-March, last week. "Everyone's patience is appreciated during this transition time," said Merrow. Town reports will arrive in mailboxes later this week.

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use some of the funding they receive from Time Warner Cable, via the local towns, for an upgrade.

The conversion to digital broadcast began recently with the installation of a Nexus Leightronix computer system. "It can hold many hours of programming on a hard drive," said Howe.

The station will also acquire a new digital camera.

He said viewers may experience a few glitches in the first few weeks as the gradual conversion takes place.

And even when operations are digital, there will still be a mix of DVD-based shows and older videotapes.

"You may see a 10-year-old Bethel Historical Society tape followed by a boating-safety DVD downloaded the day before," said Howe.

The ability to download shows for free from the Internet will significantly expand the station's offerings, he said.

And with DVDs, "the quality of the picture should improve," said Howe.

The station will average 10 new shows a week. Between shows a rolling calendar displays, listing area events and the upcoming TV schedule.

Two decades of broadcasting

In her 15 years with the station, Cross has video-taped



THE STAFF—Wayne Howe and Lainey Cross in the Channel 11 studio at Telstar. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

many local events. Among them are concerts, graduations, the Bethel Winter-Fest and Taste of Bethel, and events at the Pleasant Valley Bible Church and the Bethel Historical Society.

"One of my favorites is going to the Rotary Club Seniors Christmas party," said Cross. "I always enjoy seeing people there."

Howe has particularly enjoyed sharing video of his vacations to places like Alaska.

"Some people don't get to travel much, and I get to share things with them," he said.

The broadcast of Telstar basketball games are popular, he said. In the past year

he has sold about 30 DVDs of games, which are available at \$10 each.

He's had his share of technical adventures doing the live broadcast.

Sometimes, he said, the automatic programming will take over. During one game, the rolling calendar suddenly appeared on screen.

"I can remember running downstairs from the gym to flip us back on in the middle of the game," he said.

Howe credits student volunteers Asher Wilson and Mike Rodway for helping make the game broadcasts possible. They help with filming and editing, he said.

And volunteer Jayden Irons reads the Bethel Citizen aloud every week on the air.

The station has other dedicated volunteers who give their time as well, said Howe, but more are needed.

"We need people to video, edit and do interviews," he said.

He also hopes area towns will be generous at Town Meeting this year in sharing the Time Warner funds.

The money is a portion of that paid by individual cable subscribers to TW, and it supports the station's operation, he said.

WHAT has been running on approximately \$8,000-\$9,000 annually, but Howe would like to have more of the funding sent to the towns made available to help pay for the equipment upgrade.

Not all towns currently give 100 percent of the user fees received to the station, he said.

Looking ahead

Howe, who has more time to devote to Channel 11 since his retirement as a SAD44 teacher, said he looks forward to using the station's new capabilities to benefit viewers.

And he credits Cross for helping to carry the station in recent history.

"She kept the station going for years, waiting for my retirement," said Howe. Now we're ready to move ahead."

Chop and drop

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onto another parcel.

But subcontractor Jay Milot of Caribou Springs inadvertently also cut trees on Candlewood Acres, a subdivision next to Akers' land, and they fell across the brook on to two additional properties, owned by Peter Dorfman and by Bob Stewart.

Permission had not been obtained for the trees to land on either of the properties.

Milot later removed trees that were obscuring a swimming hole near Dorfman's property.

He also told selectmen that if any remuneration is needed for the cutting on Candlewood Acres, he would take full responsibility.

But yet to be settled is the case of trees falling onto property owned by Stewart.

(Stewart, of Cumberland, is a philanthropist who gave 500 acres of his property on the summit of Puzzle Mountain, including what is now part of the Grafton Loop Trail, to the Mahoosuc Land Trust.)

In a February e-mail to then-selectman Wight, Stewart wrote that "in excess of 100 trees were cut along the opposite shore to my land, most of which landed on my land and ruined a path I had along the shore, as well as totally ruined a beautiful brook."

On Tuesday, however, Milot said, "I think there's very little up there actually on his property." Stern said much of the cutting landed on a right-of-way Stewart has on land that was approved for dropping.

Milot said he had had several conversations with Stewart about a solution, but that their last conversation "didn't go very well."

Mitigation request

Wight said Stewart wants the tops of the offending trees cut so he may once again walk the path. But he does not want anyone to enter the brook to do the work,

Wight said.

Wight said he will plan to meet with all the parties involved and walk the site, in order to work out an agreement.

As for the property on which trees were mistakenly cut, Stern said he has tried several times to contact the owner, with no response.

The property is a subdivision known as Candlewood Acres.

Selectmen said they also want to try to make contact, to make sure the matter is settled cleanly.

An effective technique

In the larger picture, chop and drop is becoming a popular, cost-effective technique nationwide for providing fish habitat and prevent erosion and flooding, Milot told the selectmen.

The increased habitat has led to a growth in fish populations, he said.

"Penny for penny, especially with climate change, the upper watersheds are getting very, very serious attention," he said.

"The numbers we're getting out of some of these projects are upwards of a 200 to 300 percent increase in biomass, and that's just for the fisheries."

He said such projects are also holding back flood flow, protecting downstream municipal infrastructure.

"In some streams, we no longer have ice jams come down," said Milot. "Ice is being held in the upper watershed. The wood is being held."

As a result, there are fewer jams in culverts downstream and less bridge damage, he said.

"For what it costs per linear foot, it's the cheapest technique to restore sediment storage and habitat," said Milot.

He said Maine and New Hampshire have hired him to do projects on five and six miles of streams this year.

Newry

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The river threatens a small cemetery near Newry Corner on Route 26.

The landowner will contribute \$6,000, town officials said.

Rocks and trees will be placed in the river to stabilize the bank.

Consultant Jeff Stern, who provided the estimate of the cost, described the work at the meeting.

Stern said if Route 26 was in immediate danger, the state would likely step in to do the work, but the town cemetery was in harm's way first.

The vote was 23-18 in favor of the project, which will be done some time this year, and is expected to take two weeks

to complete.

Voters also approved taking \$75,586 from FEMA reimbursement funds for similar work on the Sunday River, near the confluence with Simon Brook.

Stern said the river is within 35 feet of the Sunday River Road, and in a few years the road would likely wash out.

Voters also approved \$25,146 for community assistance programs, including \$100 in scholarship funds for each graduating Newry senior.

But SAD44 teacher Brenda Wight said the amount should be increased in the future to be in line with today's college costs.

Townpeople agreed to form a committee to look into ways to increase the money offered, perhaps through fundraising projects.

School discussion

After voters approved funds for town committees and boards, Brenda Wight's husband, Brad, asked for a discussion on the SAD44 school budget, of which Newry pays a large portion.

The school district is currently discussing very large budget cuts, in order to make up for \$2 million in funding shortfalls.

Preliminary proposals include cutting approximately 28 staff positions next year

and closing three buildings (WES, AES and EBS) the following year, with additional staff cuts then.

Wight suggested closing AES and EBS sooner, to possibly save more teaching positions in the short run.

He also noted that when Newry's share of the budget is divided among its approximately 32 students, the town pays about \$65,000 per student.

Largess said that when looked at from that perspective, "we pay way too much," but on the other hand, he said, the town's mill rate is the lowest in the district.

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37 Word form for "eight"

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39 Ready for a fight

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43 Ken or Lena

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50 Nick of "Cape Fear"

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125 Coach Parseghian

126 Word with carpet or cabbage

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Super Crossword

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

In past years I always thought of social networking as going to events where people gathered and were able to chat with each other.

Public suppers are always a good opportunity to meet new people and get caught up with old friends who might happen to be there.

On a business level Chamber after-hours events are great for being introduced to new prospective clients and smoozing with current ones.

These to me are social networking in both personal and business life. Then along came Facebook, the online social network and it changes everything.

Given the opportunity to read a good book or go online, I'll take the good book any day. Consequently, I don't spend a great deal of time on the computer. In fact, my email inbox is out of control with unopened email that I really should take care of, but the pages of a good mystery keep me away from that chore.

I had no interest whatsoever in checking out Facebook. I had certainly heard a great deal about it though. My grandsons spend quite a bit of time on Facebook and encourage me to do likewise, but I have resisted.

It seems like most of the news and gossip regarding people I know is passed on

to me by others who read about it on Facebook.

Since I chose to keep my face in a book I had no real concept of what goes on with Facebook. I had no desire to find out either.

The next thing I know I was bombarded with emails from people who wanted to be my Facebook friends.

Then one of my advertising customers emailed me a link to her business Facebook page telling me the information I needed to create her ad was available there. This was my first excursion to the famous social networking site.

Here's the deal...in order to visit a Facebook page, even when invited to do so with a link, one must register and create their own Facebook profile.

That didn't seem like such a big deal so I did as I was instructed. The next thing I know I was bombarded with emails from people who wanted to be my Facebook friends. I could either ignore these requests or accept them and far be it for me to ignore someone who wants to be my friend, so I accepted them.

Then I was bombarded with emails from my

Facebook friends' friends who wanted to be friends with me too. I was astounded over how popular I was suddenly becoming.

In reading some of the messages I felt that most of my new friends didn't have much to say of interest to me and I felt a bit voyeuristic in reading them.

Then came all the invitations to participate in virtual snowball fights, Farmville, Mob Wars and a whole host of other virtual games. I was so overwhelmed that I retreated to my favorite chair and put my face in a real book.

I'm sure that all my Facebook friends and my friends' friends now think that I'm antisocial. I guess I just don't have the time or inclination to be a very good Facebook friend.

Maybe I could start an antisocial network where all the people who have neither the time nor inclination to socialize on Facebook could write about not socializing on Facebook. But, then again, I have neither the time nor inclination.

For those who enjoy spending the time socializing on Facebook I say more power to you. But for me, I'll spend my spare time with my face in a real book and when I feel the need to socialize, well, the way I see it there is always a public supper going on somewhere and as well as socializing with people, I get a good meal too.

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, March 2

At 3:40 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach responded to the West Bethel Road for a vehicle off the road. The owner was located at a nearby residence. He said he had fallen asleep and gone off the road, and would remove the vehicle after daylight.

Monday, March 1

At 9:40 a.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to Route 26 for a report of a vehicle driving erratically. The officer stopped the vehicle. The driver said he passed some vehicles in West Paris but was otherwise driving the speed limit. The driver was warned to be careful.

Saturday, Feb. 27

At 3:30 p.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to a business for a report of a gas drive off. The vehicle was located and stopped, and the officer escorted the driver back to pay the bill.

At 3:33 p.m. Officer George Gould was patrolling Route 5 near Songo Pond when he found a vehicle off the road. There were no injuries.

At 6 p.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to a car-pole accident, with no injuries.

Friday, Feb. 26

At 9:43 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Vernon Street in Albany to assist a state trooper with an intoxicated subject. The subject was brought to the Bethel PD for an intoxilyzer test.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

At 7:25 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Chapman Street for a well-being check. A subject was taken by Bethel Rescue to the hospital.

At 8:10 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to a residence for a report of a family dispute. A subject was transported to another location.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Tips from the Bethel Police Department

1. If you dial 911 by mistake, don't hang up. Stay on the line and tell the dispatcher what happened.
2. So that responders can find you quickly in an emergency, make sure your house number is clearly visible from the road — on the house if it is near the road, or on a mailbox or post if the house sits more than 50 feet back.
3. Watch out for scam letters and phone calls. A letter may state you have won money and need to pay a fee to claim the prize and release the money. Sometimes people will receive a check they are directed to cash, and then repay a portion to the sender.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Feb. 26, 1:54 p.m.: Jimmy D. Gilbert, 44, of Greenwood, violation of bail conditions; by Cpl. Chancey Libby in Greenwood.

Feb. 26, 10:45 p.m.: Donald A. Gouin, 26, of Stoneham, OUI; by Trooper Tom Welch on Vernon Street in Albany.

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Tri-Town

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ous, and in January its Board of Directors threw in the towel, announcing they had begun the process of dissolving the service.

But the following month, St. Pierre announced he was spearheading an effort to rebuild Tri-Town financially and keep it functioning.

Speaking to reporters Tuesday, he and other Tri-Town supporters said they believed that keeping the local service was crucial, primarily because it was able to provide a much faster response time to this area than services based elsewhere.

And that could make all the difference in a critical situation, "when waiting 20 minutes is not an option," said

volunteer (and Greenwood Fire Chief) Jim Owens.

They also argued that if voters opted for PACE because that service would come now at no cost to the town, they would have no alternative service to turn to if PACE chose to charge fees, even quite high fees, in the future.

And they alleged that leading up to Saturday's key vote, PACE supporters have been publically "campaigning" against Tri-Town.

If West Paris does follow Woodstock's lead, St. Pierre said, it will be the final blow for Tri-Town.

"It could be all over Saturday. If West Paris votes out that contract," he said, "the service is gone."

Remainder of West Paris agenda otherwise routine

DUANE HAYES, Sun Media Group
The 2010 West Paris annual Town Meeting is set to convene at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, in the gymnasium at the Agnes Gray School on Main Street.

Voters will be asked to consider a 42-article warrant.

Town Manager John White said he considered most of the articles, other than the two addressing ambulance coverage, to be routine in nature.

The remaining articles pertain mostly to budget items with an expected bottom-line budget of \$1,032,405.

That figure, however, will be reduced by the use of \$555,339 in revenues and funds from surplus.

The amount to be raised by taxes, if all goes as planned, would be around \$477,066, which is a decrease of \$68,203 from the budget approved in 2009.

The only major question at this time is what the education assessment from SAD17 will do to the final figure when its budget is completed later this spring.

"We don't know right now

what the school district's cost for us is going to be as the schools run on a fiscal year beginning in July, but I feel the figures we have right now hopefully are close. It will all depend on what the state does with educational funding," White said.

The only other major part of the warrant deals with the annual municipal elections.

During that phase of the meeting voters will be electing a selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor for a three-year term, a school director for three years and a water district director also for three years.

Running for selectman for a second term will be Board Chairman Randy Jones, and there may be other nominations made from the floor.

For school director and water district it is not known at this time whether Nick Diconzo will be running for a new term, White said, or if Greg Inman will be seeking another term on the water district but that will be known at the beginning of the meeting as it opens with the elections.

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by Nancy Brown



Maine Restaurant Week is March 1-10. This is the second year

for the statewide event, which offers people a fun and affordable way to try new restaurants. Restaurant week was originally started in New York City and has spread across the country. In Maine 103 restaurants in 25 towns and cities are participating. The restaurants are offering special prices for three-course dinners. To celebrate the year 2010, the prices are \$20.10, \$30.10, or \$40.10.

In Bethel two restaurants are participating: 22 Broad Street at the Gideon Hastings House and the Sunday River Brew Pub. Several restaurants, including the Sunday River Brew Pub, are offering special three-course lunches during the week. For a list of all participating restaurants and more information, go to www.mainerestaurantweek.

Due to a snowstorm last week, the program on heart health was rescheduled for Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 12. "For Every Heart There is a Story" with Denise Whitley from the Maine Heart Association will be held at the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street. Everyone is welcome. The program is sponsored by the To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College.

The To Your Health Committee is sponsoring "Prostate Health: What We All Need To Know" on Saturday, March 13, from 10 to 12 noon at the West Parish Congregational Church. Bob and Mary Beane of Standish, members of the Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer, will discuss prostate cancer awareness and early detection as they talk about their personal experience. For more information, call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

This is a reminder that World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 5. The Bethel Episcopal House Church and the United Methodist Church are hosting a worship service at 1:30 p.m. at the Garland Chapel of the West Parish Congregational Church. This year's service theme, "Let everything that has breath praise God," was written by the women of Cameroon. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the service. The snow date is March 12.

During February vacation, Bob and Linda Howe went to Five Islands and came back with 75 pounds of freshly caught Maine shrimp.

Do you have news? Send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call 824-2483.

West Bethel

by Lorrie Hoeh



After a month of drought we were hit big time with multiple

storms which left upwards of 16 inches of heavy, wet snow. It was just the kind we love to hate — nearly impossible to move with a snow-blower, and equally difficult to manage with shovels. Mike was able to clear the worst of it with the blower after each occasion, but there was plenty of slush left, most of which had disappeared by Monday. So now the fields and doorways look fresh and clean once more, but spring is definitely on the way.

Mike saw two black ducks in the brook down back over the weekend. We take this as a positive sign of things to come. Also, we have had several goldfinches at the feeders. On Sunday as I drove home from a weekend in Freeport, I passed at least one sugar house with steam rising from its roof cupola, so one presumes that sap is running somewhere.

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Said weekend was the annual Spa, Knit and Spin weekend organized by the New England Textile Association. There are no schedules, no formal classes, no requirements or fees, just a place to gather and visit, knit, spin, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow spinners and knitters. We usually eat pretty well, too.

The population of West Bethel grew by one on Feb. 23 when Caden Scott Costello made his appearance a bit early, weighing in at 3 pounds, 2 ounces. Proud parents are Annie and Brandon Costello. Grandparents are Lisa and Paul Pivin, and great-grandparents are Linda and Reg Westleigh. Caden joins his big sister, Madeline, who, if she is a normal child, is probably wondering why her life has changed all of a sudden. Welcome, Caden, and congratulations to your loving family.

Jane Hosterman spent a couple of weeks in Florida where she and her daughter, Susie, were guests of Jane's son, Richie. Jane says the temperature was 40 degrees the first week, but eventually warmed up a bit, although not enough to tempt her into the water. She and Susie walked the beaches, collecting shells and enjoying the seabirds. Mom and her two offspring went out to lunch daily and often to dinner as well.

Jane interrupted her return to West Bethel for a couple of days, staying with Susie in Scituate, Mass., to avoid impending storms. She finally returned to the Flat Road last Thursday, just before the first of the weekend storms hit. As usual, she had a great time but is glad to be back home.

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A neighbor called to tell me of the unusual sighting of a flock of about 24 gulls circling the field on Sunday. The gulls appeared to be lost, probably having been blown inland by one of the weekend storms. They finally headed north, where they would surely have found water to follow to the Androscoggin and, ultimately, back to the coast.

The Olympics are over, and the U.S. has the greatest number of medals. It was also gratifying for me to see that tiny Slovenia, home of my ancestors, garnered three medals in the games. Sunday's hockey game against Canada was exciting, to say the least.

I had mixed emotions about the outcome — sorry that the U.S. missed the gold medal, but happy for host country Canada where the love of hockey probably surpasses America's love of football and baseball.

Stay warm, stay well, and be in touch. dhoeh@megalink.net; 836-3011.

Gilead



by
Lin Chapman

Well, we finally got some snow. It started out slow, but by Sunday morning we had accumulated a couple of feet.

We have had lots of birds at the feeder. There were so many goldfinches that there was no way anyone could count them. There were over two-dozen mourning doves out front and several out back. There have been a few purple finches and juncos, which we haven't seen much of all winter. Mary Ty-

ler called to say that they have seen a robin at their feeder. A big storm really brings out the birds.

My brother, Steve McLain, and his son, Brad, had quite a time getting the plowing done over the weekend.

Major Stephen McLain III attended the NATO Resource Management Program last week in Oberammergau, Germany. The topics discussed ranged from budgeting, manpower management, and the NATO infrastructure investment program, and also addressed managing the resource requirements for NATO's involvement in Afghanistan. These topics are particularly critical due to the worldwide recession's impact on the 28-member nations' ability to provide funds to NATO's ongoing operations. The keynote speaker was a member of NATO's International Staff who addressed the current issues that the alliance faces. Major Stephen McLain is a U.S. Army budget officer at NATO's Joint Warfare Center in Stavanger, Norway.

Recreation Committee
Come and join the Recreation Committee for a fun afternoon of winter activities at the White Mountain National Forest picnic area on Saturday, March 6 at 1 p.m. See who can build the most interesting snowman or snow sculpture. All ages are welcome. For more information, call Alicia McLean at 836-2153.

Western Mountains Senior College

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Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

East Bethel



by
Wally Ritz

I do hope everyone made it through this crazy weather we've had for several days.

Last Friday night I had some skiers stuck next to my house on the Abe Merrill Road. They told me they were headed to the Grand Summit Hotel and thought that this was the access road? One has to wonder how they got those directions.

Lynn Zimmerman called me to let you all know that her and Roger have just returned from Yellowstone Park. They were there for a week and a half guiding 12 people on a Backcountry Ski Trip. This was the 23rd time for them doing this and said the skiing was good and saw lots of wildlife and geysers. A big "heads up" to Lynn and Roger from the neighborhood.

Do you all remember me telling you about the heart health seminar "For Every Heart, There is a Story" with Denise Whitley from the Maine Heart Association? Due to the weather conditions it was postponed till this coming Saturday, March 6. It will take place from 10 a.m. till noon at the Congregational Church in Bethel. There will be another event there coming up on Saturday, March 13. The To Your Health committee of Western Mountains Senior College has received many requests for this upcoming topic, geared toward men, yet women also. This topic will be "Prostate Health: What we all Need to Know." Bob and Mary Beane from Standish, Maine, members of the "Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer" will present this program. The Beanes will discuss prostate cancer awareness and early detection as they talk about their personal journey. This also will take place from 10 a.m. till noon at the Congregational Church in Bethel. It sounds to me that both topics are very important and as many as possible should try and attend.

Guess it is time now for my

next Trivia question, and this one is in the spirit of this crazy weather. So, here it goes — what was posted in the March 26, 1869 edition of the Oxford Democrat? Can't wait to hear all the answers to this one. Either way call me 824-3220, or e-mail han@megalink.net.

Oh, and also a big thank you to the unknown good Samaritan who pulled my daughter out of my driveway the other day.

Till next week again, Wally.

Hanover



by Clem
Worcester

The Family Support Group for friends, family and caregivers of

people with mental illness asks interested persons to an open group. Join them on March 17, 3 to 5 p.m. at Oxford County Mental Health, 150 Congress Street in Rumford. For more information call Dot at 364-2197 or Marylena at 364-3549. The group is meant to provide a space to vent, find support, encouragement and answer your questions in a confidential and supportive atmosphere.

Although he had been ill for quite some time our community was jolted with grief upon the passing of Norman Ferguson. Many have said that it will be difficult to replace his presence in our valley. That theme was repeated time and again at his celebration of life at Rumford Point Church on Saturday, Feb. 27. Pastor Sandra Withey led the service assisted by family and acquaintances. Family members taking part were grandchildren Angus, Seth, Ian, Sadie and Marianne Ferguson and two sons Robert and Scott Ferguson. State Representative Peter Mills and State Senator Richard Bennett assisted in the service as did Oxford County Registrar of Deeds, The Reverend Jane Rich.

Among those attending the service were US Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, former Governor John McKernan and State Representative Jarrod Crockett. Organist Lynne Ramsey, Jenny and Greg Huang-Dale, the Fryeburg New Church Choir and all those attending provided music. The service was light-hearted with a lot of laughter.

Due to recent mild and wet weather prompting early spring-like road conditions the Hanover Select Persons have posted load limits on the

Howard Pond Road and Mill Hill Road. The limits became effective March 1 and will be lifted May 1 unless conditions warrant an extension. The roads are closed to vehicles and loads over 23,000 pounds unless the roadway is solidly frozen. Anyone with questions or comments are directed to contact the Hanover Town Office during regular posted office hours.

Bob Brown is a surgical patient at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. We wish him a speedy recovery. His dog, Sam, is hospitalized in Brunswick with an eye infection.

Amanda Worcester, daughter-in-law of Bill and Gail Worcester, was treated to a well-attended luncheon/shower last Saturday at Bill and Gail's Howard Pond Road home. Amanda and her husband Brad Worcester are expecting a daughter during March. Everyone attending enjoyed the baby shower while Amanda and the baby got many fine gifts.

During the storms last week vehicles unintentionally left the road, requiring tows. One mishap near the intersection of Route 2 and Top Hat Road resulted in the driver being transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you are right.

Andover



by Melinda
Averill

Hello Andover friends. Welcome Betty to the Andover Post Office!

She is filling in for a bit while our Postmistress, Carol, is filling in at Peru. Betty's assistant, Kelly, is filling in for her over in East Andover.

Congratulations to Darren Jodrey, who skied in both the slalom and Giant Slalom for the Mountain Valley ski team over February vacation, helping his team earn third place in the Mountain Valley class B, MVC. The event was held at Saddleback and Black Mountain. Darren is a junior at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford.

Keep the following people in prayer and get well wishes: Carol Morton, who was to have surgery on a broken femur (Tuesday) and Marge Bartlett's mother, Ann Bickford, who fell and broke her hip. She was also going to have surgery.

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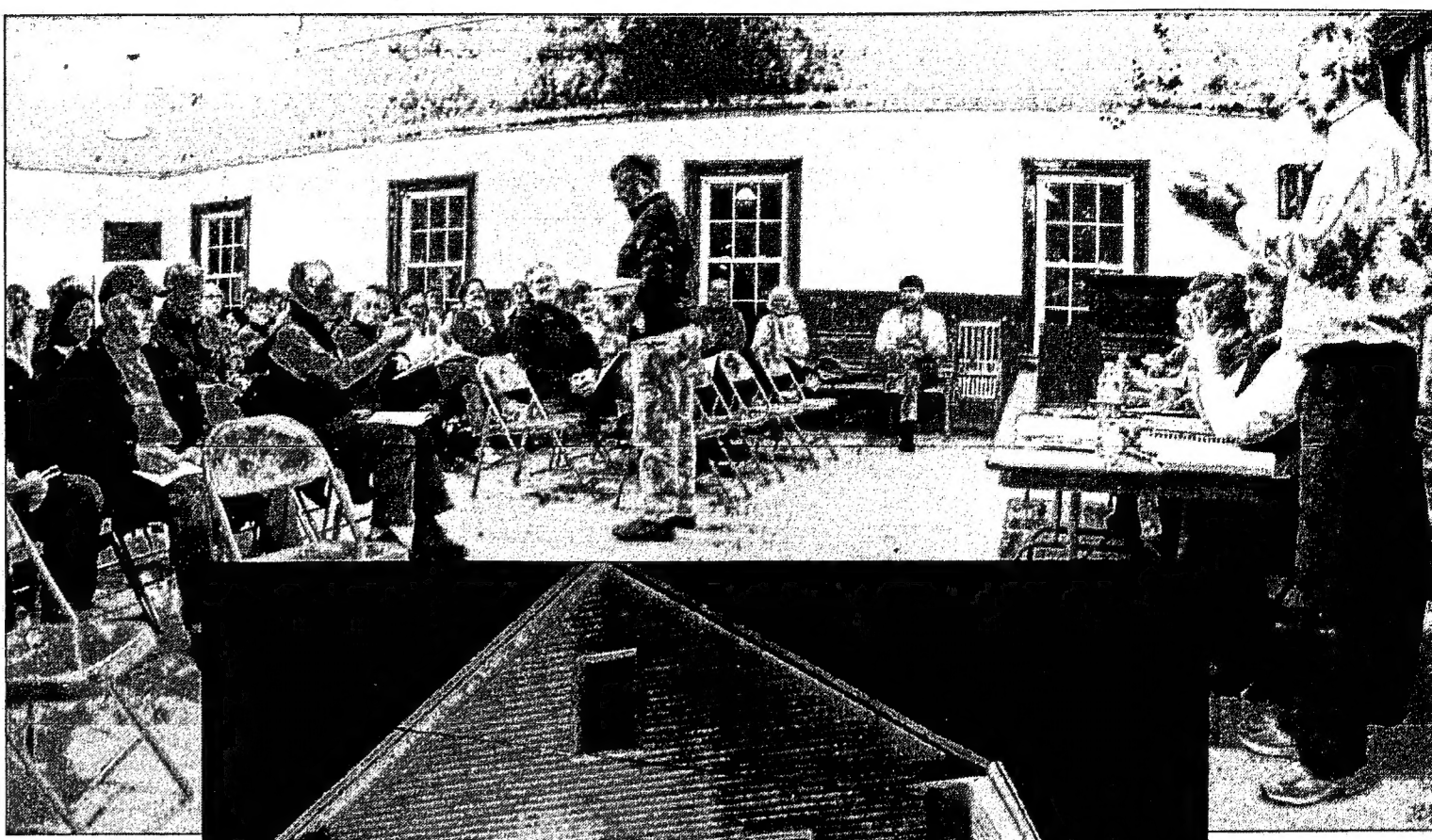


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2010 Newry Town Meeting



On Monday some 60 Newry residents elected Fire Chief Gary Wight selectman, filling the seat vacated by Steve Wight's retirement. They also approved all the articles on the warrant. Top left: Bob Lowell listens to discussion. Top right: Residents applaud Steve Wight, at center, for his 34 years on the board. Center: the Grange Hall, site of the meeting. Bottom left: Residents cast their ballots for selectman. Bottom right: After the meeting, Gary Wight (left) and re-elected constable/animal control officer Alan Fleet are sworn in by moderator Les Otten.

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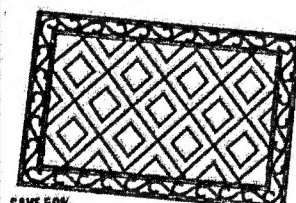
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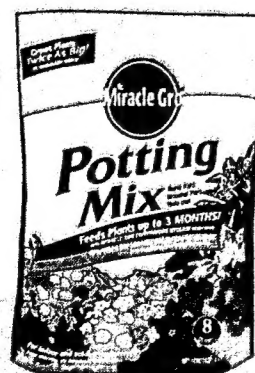
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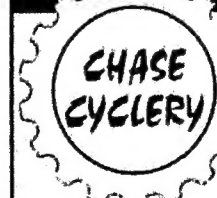
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Happy, happy belated birthday wishes to Eda Perkins! I can't believe that I forgot her last week, Peggy said over a hundred times let's make Eda cookies for her birthday. Instead her and mom and dad brought her fish chowder.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Ellen Hutchins on Tuesday, the 9th, Sandra Clement on the 10th.

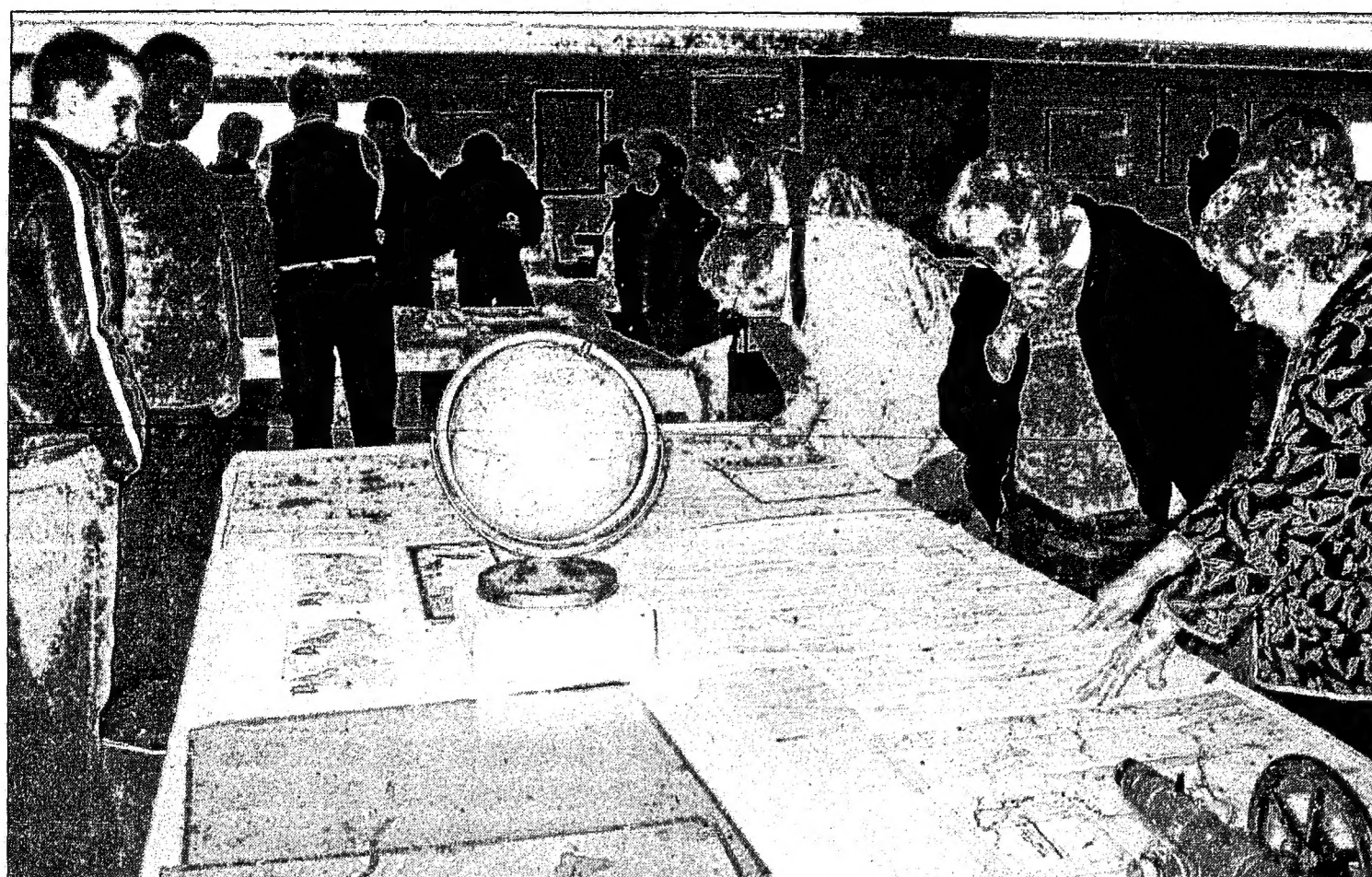
The following Andover students made the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Maine. Congratulations to Amy Farrington, Peter Poor II, and Julia Stambolis.

Enjoy the weekend.

Note: Following is a eulogy delivered at the Feb. 6 funeral of Robert Swain of East Andover, submitted by Matt Swain, his grandson:

Just two weeks ago, I was visiting with my grandfather at the Hospice House — a visit that would be my last. He was in great spirits that day — sitting in a chair by the window, extremely talkative, and he even had the energy to beat me at a game of cribbage. On that particular day, since he couldn't convince any of his sons to bring him his Bowflex, my grandfather was showing off the arm workouts that he was doing with his stretch band and a stress ball that looked like an orange. Well, he had a visitor that morning, the stress ball was on the table, and she wanted to be helpful. She said "Robert would you like me to peel that orange for you?" His response was "that would be nice" just to see her reaction when she tried to peel a foam ball. Even in his final days, he loved to play jokes and later tell the story of how they played out.

In recent years, my grandfather loved to go into town for his meals. He enjoyed the ride, the change of scenery, and the people that he got to chat with. If you never had the pleasure of riding anywhere with him, you missed out on nearly 90 years of history lessons and commentary for every house or landmark that we passed. On one night last year, our drive home from supper took us past Meaders — past the funeral home in which we were gath-



A LARGE CROWD NAVIGATED ITS WAY TO THE LOCAL KNOWLEDGE MAP program Feb. 20 at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. The event featured many displays of maps of the region through history, and a talk on the subject by Barry Allen of Main-Land consultants. The presentation was organized by Stephen Seames, and sponsored by the Mahoosuc Land Trust. (See letter, Page 2.) (Photo: J. Ippolito)

ered yesterday. As we drove by the dark building with the empty parking lot, my grandfather said "no one at Meaders tonight." I returned with what I thought was a logical response — "Well, Grampa, isn't that a good thing?" Without missing a beat, he turned his head with that ear-to-ear grin that we will all remember him for and rebutted, "I guess it depends on who you ask."

Yesterday, the lights at Meaders were on and the parking lot was full. We met with so many people who were there to pay their respects, to share their memories — and on behalf of the whole family, I would like to thank all of those people who came out yesterday, and those who are here with us today.

We are here to celebrate the life of my grandfather, Robert Bennett Swain. Over the last few years, he has often reflected on his life and said to us "I've had a good life." During my last visit to the Hospice House, I asked him, when he

looked back on his life and the experiences he had, was there anything else that he wished he had done. And he said to me, "I probably would have liked to go on one more fishing trip."

He has set the bar high. I can only hope that I live such a full and happy life with a loving family to share it with me, to care for me, and to sacrifice their time to be with me when I need it most. I can only hope that, one day, the only unfilled desire in my life is one more fishing trip.

I will miss our canasta games, the car, snowmobile, and plane rides, his stories from the mill and how things used to be, the irreplaceable stories of his years in the service — and the humble way in which he talked about his heroic deeds, and, of course, his sense of humor, coupled with that big mischievous smile.

For the last month, I have been preparing myself for his passing. I have been telling people "he has led a good life,

he is ready." The truth is, as his grandson, I have looked up to him all these years. Visits to Cold Spring Farm have been a staple in my life. Growing up, I thought grandparents were forever. While I know that he has led a good life, it doesn't mean that the loss of a loved one hurts any less.

Grampa, from all of the family, happy 90th birthday, you are forever in our hearts, and we will miss you dearly.

Greenwood City

by Wayne Hakala

Kenny, I wouldn't be quite as long winded this week. I promise to try. But then again there are a few items that need to get out.

We did not need all this wet, heavy snow. It sure has been

hard to clean up and not dig up the countryside. I knew that Mother Nature just could not see me face the woodpile without it being buried. JD and I may make a big difference. At least some of the snow will disappear before handling it.

We of Posts 68 and 81 are very pleased with the response for items to ship to Afghanistan. Will start packing some of the items and get them sent Tuesday or Wednesday. And more packages to follow on a schedule. Make it feel like Christmas several times over. Bob bought the Marlboros and we had to mortgage both Posts and several homes. WOW! Damned glad we gave up that habit many years ago.

I received a note from Rosabelle Tiff about some important health programs coming up. So get out there and attend. We all know how important all of this information is and of someone with various problems of the heart and cancer.

"For Every Heart, There is

a Story," with Dennise Whitely from the Maine Heart Association, was postponed to this coming Saturday, March 6. It will be held from 10-12 noon at the Congregational Church on Church Street in Bethel. This is a free community service program.

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There are several special bingos coming right up at Post 68. One is for Woodstock Veterans Memorial addition. All you good people in Bryant Pond better come out and support this very important fundraiser. And then in April is the Basket Bingo for the West Paris Library addition fund. So here are two very good chances to help support these worthwhile projects. I would very much like to see the hall full for both and the members do too.

Upton

by Laurie Brown

On one of his many trips plowing up and down the right-of-way,

the Big Guy let me ride with him! It was exhilarating!

The Planning Board met last Friday with Joe Bernier, Jennifer Casey and Bob Brown present. The board issued one permit to Doug Heald. Their next meeting will be at the Town Office on March 26.

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PACE Paramedic Service

Dear Citizens of West Paris,

The Administration at Stephens Memorial Hospital understands that you are about to make a very difficult and potentially emotional decision about your Ambulance Service at your Town Meeting on Saturday, March 6th. Our intent is to help you make an informed decision by providing the PACE Fact Sheet and Letter of Agreement which was given to your Town Office in December when we were asked to provide a proposal for ambulance coverage in your area.

Stephens Memorial Hospital and PACE is certain that coverage in your area can be achieved utilizing the existing practices and crews at PACE, which includes when practical, at PACE's discretion, staging an ambulance and crew at the Woodstock Fire Station. In 2010, PACE will celebrate its 20th year of service. Over the years it has become somewhat routine for PACE to respond to your area for coverage and we feel that we are familiar with your needs.

PACE as a Department:

- PACE Paramedic Service is a Department of Stephens Memorial Hospital (SMH).
- As a Department of SMH, PACE has access to all of the hospital's departments such as: Human Resources, Accounting, Billing, and Emergency, which gives the service significant resources.

The Facts about PACE:

- PACE is licensed as a Paramedic Level Service with Maine EMS.
- A Paramedic responds on every emergency call for PACE.
- PACE is currently fully staffed and rarely has there been any difficulty filling shifts or getting extra crews to work as needed because EMS providers want to work at PACE.
- Aside from the excellent work environment and benefits provided by SMH, PACE enjoys a reputation as a premier service in the EMS community.

The PACE coverage area:

- Our primary coverage area currently includes the Towns of South Paris, Norway, Hebron, Harrison, Otisfield and Woodstock.
- These Towns have not paid a subsidy to PACE for more than 5 years.
- PACE covers the Mountain Clinic at Sunday River Ski Resort which is run by Western Maine Multi Medical Specialists.
- PACE provides Paramedic Interceptor Services and coverage for all of the surrounding ambulance services as requested.

PACE employees:

- PACE presently employs 16 Full Time, 6 Part Time, and 23 Per Diem Staff.
- Of those, 21 are Paramedics, 12 are Intermediate EMTs, and 12 are Basic EMTs.
- Our minimum standard for employment is the Basic EMT Level.
- Many of our employees have been at PACE since it began operation almost 20 years ago.

PACE Coverage:

- PACE has a minimum of two full Paramedic crews (two Paramedics & two Basic or Intermediate EMTs) on duty at all times, 24 / 7.
- Crews are called in to assist during times of increased call volume to maintain adequate coverage for the area as a whole.
- From April through October, PACE staffs three full paramedic level crews during the day and two at night. When practical at our discretion, a crew is staged at the Woodstock Fire Department roughly between the hours of 9am and 6pm.
- November through March, PACE staffs four day crews. One of which was extended from 6pm to 10pm this season to assist in covering night skiing at Sunday River. Staging at the Woodstock Fire Station is often increased during night skiing times as well.
- We would consider staging a crew at the current Tri-Town Rescue garage. Factors we will consider include the towns served by PACE, call volume by town and the cost of using the garage.
- These numbers do not include the Director who is a Paramedic. He is in the office most week days and makes himself available for coverage nights and weekends.
- Additional crews are brought on at PACE during larger storms, natural disasters, and the like when travel is apt to be a problem.
- PACE does maintain mutual aid agreements with area services for those rare occasions when we may have a delayed response.

Medical Billing:

- PACE bills individual patients in the same manner as all ambulance services that bill do, utilizing established rates and practices set forth by Medicare.

Subsidy Requested:

- If PACE serves the Town with its existing crews and does not dedicate a crew to the Town, we will request no subsidy.
- If the Town requests that a PACE crew is dedicated to the Town, we will request a subsidy equal to our cost to provide the service, less any revenue we collect for calls from the Town.

PACE Paramedic Service

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Letter of Agreement
Between
The Town of West Paris
&
PACE Paramedic Service

Effective this ____ day of _____, 20____, PACE Paramedic Service, a Department of Stephens Memorial Hospital, Western Maine Health, will become the primary ambulance provider for the Town of West Paris.

PACE Paramedic Service will be responsible for any and all aspects of ambulance coverage within the Town of West Paris. Coverage shall be achieved utilizing the existing practices at PACE Paramedic Service operating out of its base in Norway. PACE Paramedic Service agrees to provide Emergency Medical Service and licensing for vehicles and staff as outlined in Maine EMS Rules & Law for said coverage. PACE Paramedic Service will assist the Town of West Paris in contacting the appropriate authorities for notification of this change.

PACE Paramedic Services will be allowed to bill individual patients from the Town of West Paris for this service utilizing established medical billing guidelines.

There will be no subsidy requested from the Town of West Paris for this coverage.

Communications with PACE Paramedic Service shall primarily be accomplished through the West Paris Town Manager and / or the West Paris Fire Chief and the Director of PACE Paramedic Service. Both parties agree that any questions or complaints from the public regarding ambulance service will be brought to the other party's attention immediately for discussion. The Director of PACE will provide reports annually regarding the call volume and response times for the Town of West Paris. Subsequent reports can be made available on request.

This agreement shall remain in effect indefinitely. Either party may choose to end this agreement without cause at any time with 90 days written notice to the other party.

There is a time change for the Historical Society's meeting on March 21. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Ladies Aid Building and all interested people are welcomed to attend.

About 50 people were at the skating/sliding party last week. Carol told me that it was about midnight when the last folks left. Adults and children had an absolutely fantastic time sliding, playing "hockey" on the pond, cooking hot dogs, drinking cocoa and such. As always, the food was plentiful! On behalf of the Ladies Aid and of Charlie and Carol, we thank everyone who contributed food. Even more importantly, "thank you" for coming, and enjoying the activities and the socializing and thereby allowing us to give back to you, the community. They appreciate the continued support you give by attending the suppers and functions.

Fortunately, for many reasons, it wasn't necessary for any emergency vehicles to travel Back Street this weekend. Friday morning when I left to go to work, it hadn't been plowed. Overall, we received about 24 to 30 inches of very wet, heavy snow.

The Farmers Almanac states that March will be cold with lower-than-average precipitation! They may be right, this is only the first day of March.

Jack Eagles lived on East B Hill in the early 1900s. He married a young girl. The marriage report in the Oxford Democrat used the headline, "Eagle carries away young girl."

Town Meeting and the Murder Mystery supper are both right around the corner and, they'll both be events you won't want to miss!

Have a wonderful, snow-white week! Selah

Mason



by Richard Grover

Last week I received a phone call that confused and surprised me

at first. Mona answered the

call and handed the phone to me. "It's for you." When I answered, I was surprised to hear a fellow introduce himself (don't recall the name) as from Central Maine Power. (CMP). Curious, I asked what I could do for him. He said something like, "I understand that you cut a tree for CMP beside the road a while ago. Then he prattled on about the dangers of electrical wires and how I should let CMP professionals take care of them."

Confused about what he was talking about, I thought about the six or 8 maple trees I had cut for firewood that were on my property beside the road and either had branches overhanging the wires or were leaning toward the road and electric wires. I like to keep my trees cut back from the wires, hoping to minimize the threat of power outages caused by my trees blowing down, or something. So, I said, "Yes, I've cut quite a few trees along the road in the past week or so. I like to keep them away from the wires and the road."

Then he said, "Well, if you have a problem with trees and wires, then you should call us and have our guys take care of them." I said, "Well, I have asked the Lucas Tree workers several times to cut some trees or limbs that were hanging over the wires, and they don't seem to be interested. I have also called CMP and informed them of similar situations, and nobody ever seems to do anything, so I take my tractor and winch and pull the trees away from the road as I cut them. I'm just trying to minimize the number of power outages on our road, while at the same time cutting some firewood."

Several more verbal exchanges occurred between us before it finally dawned on me what he was talking about. Apparently, someone had reported about the article I had written where a fir tree had fallen over the wires and cut the power on our road (Kings Highway). CMP was given the impression that I had sawed the tree apart amidst the hot wires. Then I explained that I discovered that the fir tree had severed the wires leading up our road; I knew they were dead because they were severed and lying in the road



STANDEVEN IN IRAQ—Spc. Shaun Standeven is the son of Doug and Susan Standeven of Hope Valley, R.I. and the grandson of Gloria and the late Ronald Snyder of West Bethel. He is in the 10th Mountain Division and was deployed from Fort Drum, N.Y. for year of duty in Iraq. His address is SPC Shaun Standeven, 1/89 CAV Delta Troop, FOB Hammar Iraq, APO AE 09308.

quite a few yards away from the hot wires which lay sparking in the road down the hill away from the tree. I finally convinced him that I knew the tree was not endangered by hot wires when I cut it (with the help of Lawrence and his chain saw).

Grudgingly, the CMP fellow accepted that I had not endangered myself and perhaps I knew how to identify the danger of electric wires.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

The heart healthy program, which was set for last week at

the Bethel Congregational

Church, has been rescheduled for this Saturday, March 6, at 10 a.m. to noon. This program will be presented by Dennise Whitley of the "Maine Heart Association."

The following Saturday, March 13, a program on "Prostrate Health: What we all need to know" will be presented by Bob and Mary Beane from Standish. This program will also be held at the Bethel Congregational Church from 10 to 12 noon. Bob and Mary Beane are members of the Maine Coalition to fight Prostrate Cancer. Early detection and awareness is very important. They will discuss and share their own personal journey. Men and women are encouraged to attend this very important topic. Both programs are presented by To Your Health of the Western Mountains Senior College. Admission is

free and refreshments will be available at both programs. Please call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053 if you have any questions.

Recently I joined a group of classmates at the Exchange Street Café in Rumford to plan for our upcoming 60th class reunion. This reunion will be held in Bethel at Rooster's Roadhouse and will take place July 31, 2010. The next committee meeting will take place at the same Café in Rumford on March 15.

The Bear River Trading Post still has live bait for your fishing needs. Raw milk from Phil Bailey of Andover is still available. The Trading Post has lots of warm weather gear for adults, children and teenagers. Coffee, snack food, chili and Maine Italian sandwiches are on hand for your enjoyment.

This weekend a state ice-fishing contest will be held. The dates are March 6 and 7. The BRTF is a weigh-in station for that contest. Give them a call at 824-2327 if you have questions.

The new snow has made the WVSC snowmobile trails able to be ridden. Be careful and have fun.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

As you have probably noticed, there have been some changes

made in our local postal system. Former East Andover Post Mistress Bette Davis is now Officer In Charge of the Andover Post Office, and East Andover resident Kelly Morton is now Officer In Charge of the East Andover Post Office. Bette has had a time of it trying to find everything, but at least now she has her own bathroom.

My condolences to the family and friends of Andover resident Betty Crowley who passed away last week.

Have you heard the latest? Some people want to change the shape of the hot dog. It seems that about a thousand children under the age of three have choked on hot dogs over the years. I have one simple

solution, don't let them have a hot dog unless you chop it up into bite-sized pieces — dunh.

I love red hot dogs, and really missed not having them when I lived out of state. For years Maine was the only state that had them. Every time one of my brothers or sisters came home, they would buy a lot to take home with them, put them in the freezer, and almost always they would forget them when they went home. We didn't have to buy hot dogs for years.

The last time I was in the Boston area I found them at a local grocery store, and believe it or not I screamed out loud with joy. Yes, I got some weird looks, and my son pre-empted that he didn't know me, but let's face it, there is no hot dog as good as a red one.

I was saddened to hear of the resignations of Elaine Morton, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and Treasurer Sandra Conrad, but I can certainly understand why they had to do it. I hope that now they can have peaceful, stress-free retirements. Believe me ladies, retirement can be fun. Just think, no more morning alarm clocks, being able to do what you enjoy doing every day, going on trips; these are only a few great things about being retired. Enjoy, you've earned it.

Tomorrow night, Monday, March 1, the trustees of the Andover Public Library will meet to elect two new trustees. My name is on the list of those willing to become a trustee. Will I be elected, probably not, but after three years of trying, I still have hope. We will just have to wait and see.

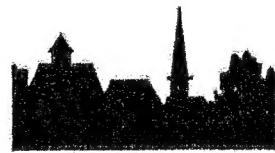
I never realized how many "out of staters" read the Bethel Citizen. I want to surprise Diane from Deep Run, N.C., by mentioning her name and thank her for reading my nonsense every week.

I hope that everybody who prayed for snow will now stop praying. We can't complain about "no snow" now, and I wish that one of those people would come over and clean off my car.

There will be a spaghetti supper to benefit the Andover Food Pantry on Sat-

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urday, March 13. It will be held at the Andover Congregational Church's CE Building and start at 5:30 p.m. The cost: canned goods or donations. See 'ya there.

West Paris



by
Joyce Lamb
Hello from
West Paris
today, for I
am home!
Daughter
Wendy drove

me three hours to Portland, Ore., on Sunday and after spending the night in a motel, boarded the plane at 7:20 a.m. on Monday for Newark, then on to Portland, Maine, arriving at nearly 6 p.m. Marta Clements was waiting there to take me home to West Paris.

After two months on the West Coast, Maine looked very good to me. There was no snow on the West Coast all the time I was gone.

My families and their friends were all thoughtful and helped me have an enjoyable time. From daughter Wendy's it was six miles to downtown tiny Oakland and thirty miles to Roseburg for shopping. Gasoline was around \$2.65 a gallon. The shopping malls with their many stores are about the same as on the East Coast. One grocery store sells ice cream cones for 99 cents. They are huge — about three scoops worth in any of their many flavors, and anyone knows I love ice cream and stopped there several times when we were in town.

The patchwork lap robe (or "reading robe") I learned how to make in quilting class is finished and should be warm for TV or reading, as it is backed with flannel. It makes me feel old to use a "lap robe," or even worse would be a shawl.

We had a good discussion about Alaska this week at Wendy's book group; I enjoyed it because Newton, Peggy, and I had visited Joe there when he was first teaching as an art history professor.

I have been learning more about the computer, for they encouraged me to use it. My other children and grandchildren have been writing and I can immediately reply. Wendy has been typing up my life story, for I brought the many episodes that I have been writing about over the years. The children all asked for that instead of buying them Christ-

mas presents. There is really no end to the writing, for one thing leads into another. We can always add other episodes later and insert them in order where they happened.

I had such a relaxed time with few cares. While visiting Wendy's friends they gave me a box of See's chocolates, which are a delicacy on the West Coast, and are made in California. My exercise was walking two miles to the main road for the daily paper.

With rain nearly every day their dirt driveway was muddy with potholes. When we got down to the end of the road I marveled at all of the bright green moss hanging from the trees; it sure didn't look like anything I've ever seen in Maine.

I will miss the views from Wendy and Bill's house, for there are many large windows that look out onto hills and fields and away to the mountains. They are trying to sell this house and move back to the East Coast, for 70 acres are just too much to care for.

Oregon has strict farming land laws and their land cannot be divided. Many cattle are around in the several neighboring pastures, along with the wildlife. There is even a 16-acre vineyard within sight of their land. When we're out driving we see lots of cattle and sheep with babies in the green pastures. They have their babies much earlier out there in order to take advantage of the lush green grass in the rainy season.

The small black cat, Pascal, finally has decided I am not an enemy and will let me pat him. Big Chester likes to sit in any lap when available.

I will be home for now and plan to stay here; Muffin will be glad to have me permanently home. And surely the Walton's cats will be happy to have their territory back now that Muffin has returned home.

Waterford



by Rockie
Graham
Here it is
March; soon
it will be
the Ides of
March. For
now,

we dodged the promised snowstorm for March 1 and I hope we keep dodging.

Last week's rainstorm, four inches, definitely delayed our construction plans. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have our cellar cement

poured. Then the real building begins! Still having trouble with our insurance company. We think they and Schiavi Homes are still mad because we refused to buy a double wide. That would have made their lives very easy. It would have landed me in the hospital. I guess it is hard for those guys to understand multiple chemical allergies are for real. In any case, we look forward to a new home. Thanks to all who have been helping us.

Friday, the 5th, Waterford votes on a selectman. For now, no one is running. It is just write ins. Saturday is the Town Meeting. Hope to see all there.

Saturday is also Stoneham's Town Meeting and Daffodil Days. For the latter, call 373-3719 for orders.

Read an interesting article about Single Stream Recycling in an industry magazine. The article states that it is proving not to be too great as it provides contaminated product. Guess we need to speak with our selectmen about that.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of Anita Bradley. She will be missed by all.

ACA — Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families continues to meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. All are welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

That is all for this week. Hope to see you at Town Meeting. Any information you'd like listed, please call 739-9115. Thanks.

From

Western Mountains Senior College

"For Every Heart, There is a Story" with Denise Whitley from the Maine Heart Association, takes place this Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Congregational Church on Church Street. We'll learn how women can connect with each other, educate and empower themselves and make choices to reduce their personal risk of heart disease.

Prostate Health Program
"Prostate Health: What We All Need to Know" takes place on Saturday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Congregational Church, Church Street. This topic has been requested many times. Bob and Mary Beane, members of the "Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer," will travel

from Standish to present the program. Learn more about prostate cancer awareness and early detection as the Beanes relate their personal journey.

Spring Classes
Registrations for WMSC's spring courses may be made today (March 4) at the annual soup swap from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church. You may also send in your registration by mail or drop it off at the SAD44 Continuing Education office at Telstar High School.

All WMSC members received their spring newsletters this week listing all courses and events with class registration forms included. Copies of the newsletters are also available at Books N Things, Main Street, Bethel for interested nonmembers. Register early to be sure of seat and a textbook.

Seven multi-session classes are scheduled, with three of them new classes. "Memories, Dreams and Reflections" by Carl Jung is one of the new classes, which will be held on Mondays, March 22, through April 26, from 2-4 pm facilitated by Ellen Crocker at Crocker Pond House, North Road, Bethel.

Another new class, "Art History and Appreciation," will be held on Wednesdays, March 24 through April 28, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Telstar High School instructed by Suzanne Taylor and Marvin Ouwinga.

"The Ways of Poetry," the third new class, will be instructed by Bonnie Pooley and Mac Davis on Thursdays, March 25 through April 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Holiday House, Bethel.

"Explorations in Spirituality" returns Friday, March 26, to be held every other Friday through May 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Gideon Hastings House, Broad Street.

"Creative Writing," instructed by Suzanne Taylor, returns Friday, April 2, and will be held every other Friday through May 28 at Telstar High School.

"Great Decisions," returns on Tuesday, March 23, and will be held every Tuesday through May 11, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Telstar High School.

"Introduction to Oral Spanish," returns with instructor Pilar Bates and will be held on Mondays beginning March 22 through April 26, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Telstar High School.

A one-day class, "Movement Basis of Traditional Chinese Medicine: Meditation, Qigong and Tai Chi," will be held

on Friday, April 9, from 10 to 11:15 a.m. at the Congregational Church instructed by Betsey Foster.

For more information on any of these classes, contact WMSC program committee chair Peter Gartner at 665-2181. All classes are open to WMSC members and new members are welcome. Nonmembers may join WMSC and attend any classes of interest. For membership information, contact Jackie Cressy at 824-0508.

From

Oxford County Republicans

Please join us Tuesday, March 9, for the Oxford County Republicans Committee Meeting.

The meeting will be held at the American Legion Jackson-Silver Post on Gore Road in Locke Mills.

Social hour starts at 5:30 with dinner and business at 6:30. The dinner cost is \$7.50.

This month's special guest speaker is Steve Abbott, 2010 Gubernatorial Candidate.

Please be sure to support all our candidates by signing their petitions to get on the ballot and by contributing \$5 for the Maine Clean Election Fund. Candidate petitions are due March 15.

From

Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats met on Sunday, Feb. 28, at Telstar Regional High School in Bethel and chose Roy Gedat of Norway as the nominee to recommend to Governor John Baldacci to fill the unexpired term of County Treasurer Mary Ann Prue of Rumford, who has resigned as of March 1 having moved out of the county.

Gedat directed the Child Health Center, a multi-faceted social service agency in western Maine for more than 20 years, and has solid administrative and fiscal management credentials and experience.

In other business, County Chair Cathy Newell reported on the Jan. 31 caucuses, the campaign training conducted earlier in January, and on the successful candidate recruitment effort with qualified and energetic candidates seeking the Democratic primary nomination for all county and leg-

islative offices up for election in 2010.

Candidates in attendance reported on their campaigns, including Rep. Matt Peterson District 92, Rep. Terry Hayes District 94, Russ Newcomb District 95, Pat Shearman Register of Deeds, and Sheriff Wayne Gallant.

Jay Hardy circulated petitions for Libby Mitchell for Governor, and several candidates collected additional signatures on their petitions.

Plans are in the works for a Meet and Greet for Gubernatorial Candidates this spring, and for a meeting in March to present the Democratic Party Platform.

For further information on the Oxford County Democrats, visit www.oxforddems.org.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

As March is "Women's History Month," the Bethel Historical Society will feature an oral history session on Saturday afternoon, March 27, 2 to 4 p.m. in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House: Women who have served in several branches of the military services will be discussing their careers, some extending back to World War II.

The role of women in the military has changed dramatically since the 1940s and this forum is designed to hear firsthand accounts of the challenges women have faced since that time.

Any Bethel area women who have served in the military (army, navy, air force, marines, etc.) and are interested in participating in this panel discussion should call the Historical Society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency.

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Join our new AARP Money Management Program, and help older adults manage their finances. This includes helping to reconcile bank statements, assisting with writing checks, and helping them pay their bills on time.

Assist at Dining Sites throughout the tri-county area. Assist staff in setting up for meals, serving and clean-up, as well as welcoming clients.

Join our Meals on Wheels Team. Meet new people as you deliver a hot meal to an older adult.

Many routes throughout the tri-county area are available at this time, giving you options of days or locations. Most routes are under two hours per day, and you choose how many days you'd like to deliver.

Interested in gaining administrative experience? Volunteer to help our reception staff, and develop new skills for today's market.

For more information about these and other opportunities to volunteer at SeniorsPlus, please contact our Manager of Volunteer Resources Trudy Hamilton at 795-4010 or

(800) 427-1241, ext. 8114 or e-mail thamilton@seniorsplus.org.

FarmShare Program

The SeniorsPlus Mobile Office is on the road again! Our featured presentation for March and April will focus on healthy eating, and the start of the Maine Senior FarmShare program. Staff members from Healthy Community Coalition, Healthy Androscoggin and The University of Maine's Cooperative Extension will talk about nutrition and healthy cooking with fruits and vegetables.

This is a great opportunity to learn what you can do with the fruit and vegetables in the new farm season.

We will have information on the FarmShare Program including what it is, how it can benefit you, where you can apply and your local participating farms.

We will also have staff available to answer questions, provide resources, and meet one on one to discuss Medicare concerns. Staff members from the Department of Health and Human Services, Legal Services for the Elderly and Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice will also be with us at various locations. Refreshments will be served. Come join us!

Norway Town Hall, 19 Danforth Street: March 19, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Presenter is Karen Toohey from The University of Maine's Cooperative Extension's Eat Well Nutrition Education Program.

Rumford Community Center, 50 Congress Street: March 31, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Presenter is Karen Toohey from The University of Maine's Cooperative Extension's Eat Well Nutrition Education Program.

Bethel House Senior Housing, 56 Main Street: April 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Presenter is Karen Toohey from The University of Maine's Cooperative Extension's Eat Well Nutrition Education Program.



OVERLAPPING SEASONS—Spring tried to put in an early appearance last week at Jewel Clark's house in Bethel. These leaves are on a forsythia branch in a photo Clark took on Feb. 26, with snow in the background.

From

White Mountain National Forest

Spending time outdoors in the winter can be an exhilarating experience — if you are prepared and plan ahead.

Recent storm systems battering the White Mountain National Forest and surrounding New Hampshire and Maine have dumped heavy rain and/or snow. Snow accumulations have varied according to elevation — from inches to feet.

It's important to dress appropriately and be alert. Remember avalanches are possible in snow-covered terrain over

25 degrees, even areas that are covered with moderately spaced trees. Locations below these steep slopes can also be dangerous as avalanche debris deposits in lower-angled areas — often referred to as "run-out zones."

Use extreme caution when crossing any rivers or entering the water. Some rivers and streams have risen significantly and flash flooding has occurred. The stream you crossed easily in the morn-

ing may be impassable later in the day, and an alternate route must be planned.

White Mountain National Forest employees are working to remove snow from trailheads and parking areas, but be aware that all sites are not currently accessible. Park safely and do not block entrances or facilities. Once on a trail, expect to encounter fallen trees from recent storm events.

"Being outdoors in the winter takes special planning and preparation. Conditions can change quickly," said Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner. "Think ahead, stay aware of the conditions around you, and have an alternate plan."

Bottom-line to winter fun? Be prepared, know your route ahead of time, check weather and avalanche conditions, double check your gear, leave route information with others, and let someone know if you deviate from your plans.

Visitors, especially hikers, should get the latest local forecasts and be properly equipped for severe winter conditions. For additional information please check the following websites: www.tuckerman.org/ www.hike-safe.com/ www.nhssa.com/history.shtml or www.fs.fed.us/r9/white.

Open House

An Open House to provide an overview of the Crawford Stewardship Project, located on the Pemigewasset Ranger District, White Mountain National Forest, will be held on March 30 from 3 to 7 at the AMC Highland Center in Crawford Notch.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY Pursuant to 14 M.R.S.A. § 6203-A et seq.

March 29, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Real Property, Improvements and Personal Property
256 Main Street, Greenwood (Locke Mills), Maine

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage, Security Agreement & Fixture Filing given by SB Acquisitions, LLC ("Borrower") to Bank of America, N.A. ("Mortgagee") dated November 2, 2007 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4218, Page 301 (the "Mortgage"), for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, there will be sold at public sale at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2010, at 256 Main Street, Greenwood, Maine, the real and personal property described in the Mortgage, together with all improvements located thereon.

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE MORTGAGE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS SALE

Except as modified in the legal description of the real property attached to the Mortgage (a copy of which is available from the undersigned counsel for the Mortgagee), the following described property located in the Town of Greenwood in the County of Oxford, State of Maine, with the buildings and other structures thereon (the "Premises") is the subject of this sale:

1. Town of Greenwood Tax Map U1, Lot 33 (located at 256 Main Street, Greenwood, Maine);
2. Town of Greenwood Tax Map U1, Lot 21 (located at 253 Main Street, Greenwood, Maine);
3. Town of Greenwood Tax Map U1, Lots 2, 4 and 34.

PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS SALE

All of the Borrower's tangible and intangible personal property that is described in the UCC Financing Statement recorded with the Maine Secretary of State on November 6, 2007, File No. 2070001887939-24, excluding cash. A copy of the Financing Statement is available upon request from the undersigned counsel for the Mortgagee and will be made available at the public sale.

TERMS OF SALE

The real and personal property hereinabove described (the "Property") is being sold on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, without any warranties, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property or the status of title thereto and all warranties are expressly disclaimed. Mortgagee specifically and without limitation makes no representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of any boundary description or amount of acreage or location of improvements, above or below ground, environmental compliance or compliance with any applicable zoning or land use regulations, laws or ordinances, or any other matters set forth in the description of the Property or the status of title thereto, or fitness for a particular purpose, or as to merchantability, habitability, the condition of the Premises or any other matters with respect thereto or the assignability of any contracts, licenses, permits or approvals.

The Property will be offered for sale in its entirety to the highest bidder. Such bidder will be unconditionally obligated to purchase the Property within thirty (30) days of the date of public sale on the terms set forth below.

Any person or entity intending to bid at the sale, except the Mortgagee, must deposit with the undersigned counsel prior to the sale, \$25,000.00 U.S. funds in cash, certified check or cashier's check approved by such counsel in advance (checks to be made payable to Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon) as a qualification to bid. No bid will be accepted if the bidder has not deposited the required amount in the required form, NO EXCEPTIONS (other than the Mortgagee). Within five (5) business days of the sale, the successful bidder shall be required to increase the deposit to ten (10) percent of the bid amount.

The deposit of any unsuccessful bidder will be refunded by the undersigned counsel upon completion of the public sale. The deposit of the successful bidder (including the increased deposit required in the preceding paragraph) will be retained by the undersigned counsel as a non-refundable, non-interest bearing down payment that will be applied to payment of the purchase price. The bidder to whom the Property is sold must at the time and place of sale sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Mortgagee, which Agreement shall provide, among other things, and without limitation, that a closing of the sale shall be held within thirty (30) days of the public sale, at which closing the remaining balance of the purchase price will be due in cash or certified funds and the Mortgagee will deliver a duly executed Quitclaim Deed Without Covenant. In the event that the highest bidder fails to close pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the Property may be sold to the next highest bidder, or readvertised for sale, at the sole discretion of the Mortgagee.

The Mortgagee expressly reserves the right to bid, to modify or waive the terms of sale set forth above and to add additional terms as it so wishes, including, but not limited to, postponing the sale. Other terms and conditions of sale, including any modification, waivers or additions will be announced at the time of sale. Counsel for the Mortgagee for purposes hereof is David S. Sherman, Jr., Esq., Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon, 84 Marginal Way, Suite 600, Portland, ME 04101-2480. Telephone: (207) 772-1941. John Locke (Maine Auctioneer License No. 1405) shall act as Auctioneer in this sale. A copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement may be obtained from the undersigned.

By submitting a bid, the bidder acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the terms hereof.

Dated: March 1, 2010

Bank of America, N.A.
By: /s/ David S. Sherman, Jr., Esq.
Its: Attorney

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 Front: Joseph Putnam, Ryan Vail, Cameron Pike, Tyler Cherkis, Mike Rodway, Maverick Griffin.
 Back: Coach O'Connor, Nic Conrad, Josef Holt, David Pilgrim, Austin Ryerson, Zach Mills, Dylan Helms, Coach Sean Caddigan.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2009-2010 BOYS' J.V. BASKETBALL
 Front: Reggie Westleigh, Joseph Putnam, Cyle Marriott, Ben Cyr, Wyatt Long, Maverick Griffin, Calvin Glover. Back: Coach Tim O'Connor, Teddy McLaughlin, Ryan Vail, Cameron Pike, Jordan Pilgrim, Zach Black, Mike Rodway, Andrew Mills, mgr. Dylan Helms, Coach Sean Caddigan.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2009-2010 CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
 Front: Schylor Leff, Carla Boyle-Wight, Ani Inman, Andrew Siegel, Liam Gallagher. Back: Alden Clarke, Alex Leff, Mitch Leman, Coach Steve Keane, Brendon Sterns, Caleb Clarke, Max Southam, Kyler Walker. Absent: Racheal Goldberg, Rose Goldberg.

Telstar Middle School 2009-2010 Winter Sports Teams



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2009-2010 GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL
 Front: Jenny Wakefield, Hayley Barter, Mackenzie White, Alyssa Brands, Eliza Miele. Back: Coach Scott Haines, Savanna Patenaude, Anna Saucier, Maisey Griffin, Alexis Broomhall, Casey Blaszcak, Klersten Drapeau, Autumn Morin, Coach Becky Morin.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2009-2010 GIRLS' J.V. BASKETBALL
 Front: Lisa Gammon, Hayley Peterson, Kayla Waterhouse, Savannah Pelleier, Dora Pilgrim-Guay, Courtney Currier, Olivia York. Back: Coach Scott Haines, Tori Ryerson, Alison Kelley, Cassidy Smith, Vanessa Godwin, Anna Tyrinna, Katie Merrill, Annie Cushman, Blair Stevens, Becca Howard, Coach Becky Morin.

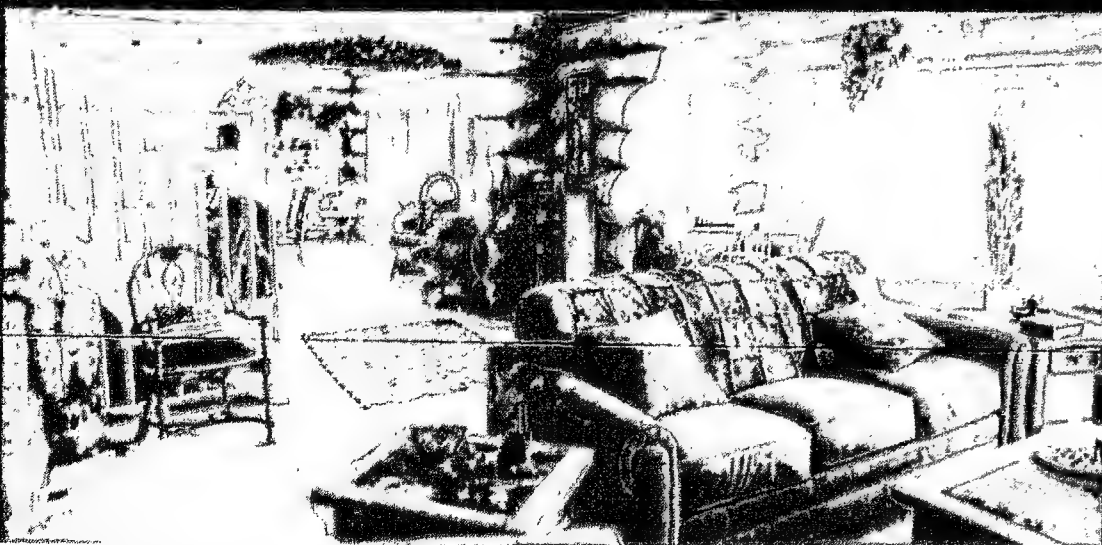
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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzell16@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families** (ACOA or ACA) group meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons). All welcome. FMI call 743-0583.

Tuesdays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. thru May - **Family Playtime** at Norway Memorial Library for parents/caregivers and children thru 4. Drop-in program. FMI: 743-5308.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 8 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSE@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. - **Bethel Snow Twisters**, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

6 p.m. on 3rd Thursday monthly - **Support Group for Parents of disabled children** at Crescent Park School. FMI: call Sabatha Steward at 836-2055.

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable homeownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

U.S. Census Bureau testing for spring work (\$14.50/hr., 55 cents/mile: Mondays, 10:30 a.m. at Crescent Park School in Bethel; 1 p.m. Newry Town Office; 6 p.m. Telstar High School, Room 118. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. Upton Town Office (by appointment); 2 p.m. old Andover Town Hall, Elm Street; 6 p.m. at University College Rumford/Mexico, 13 Brown Street, Mexico. Wednesdays: 10 a.m. Roxbury Town Hall; and 1 p.m. Rumford Town Hall upstairs auditorium; 6 p.m. Bethel Library. Thursdays: 11 a.m. Lincoln Plantation Town Office, Route 16 (by appointment) and 6 p.m. Hanover Town Office. FMI: (866)-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov for exact dates.

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, now showing Tree of Life collection by Harvest Gold artist Lynda Rasco-Rudd Earrings - pendants, rings, charms, bracelets. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

Wednesdays thru Lent
Noon to 1 p.m. - **Community Lenten Luncheon Series** at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. All invited to join in fellowship around the table enjoying a soup lunch. After lunch: meditation focusing on "The Saints of the Church." FMI:

824-2689 or call the Rev. Virginia Rickeman (824-0550).

Thru Monday, April 19

6:15 to 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 to 7 p.m. - **Winter into Spring Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days** - at Telstar High School sponsored by River Valley Healthy Communities. Walk with a friend or colleague. Pass in record sheets at end of 100 days. FMI, registration materials and more details: call Carol Emery (364-7408) or e-mail rvhcc@gwi.net.

Friday, March 5

1:30 p.m. - **World Day of Prayer**, a worship service, written by women of Cameroon, Africa, will be held at Garland Chapel of West Parish Congregational Church UCC, hosted by Bethel United Methodist Church and Bethel Episcopal House Church. Refreshments follow. Everyone welcome. Snow date: Friday, March 12. FMI: 824-3226 or 824-2483.

Saturday, March 6

American Cancer Society "50 Days of Daffodils." FMI, to place order, or get involved with program, contact Crystal Derocher 373-3719 or e-mail Crystal.Derocher@cancer.org.

10 a.m. to 12 noon - **"For Every Heart, There is a Story"** presented by To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College at West Parish Congregational Church. Speaker: Dennis Whitley, Maine Heart Association on how women can connect with each other, educate and empower themselves, and make choices to reduce personal risk of heart disease. Free. Refreshments. FMI: 824-2053. (Postponed from Feb. 25)

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Inside Yard Sale**. Food counter available. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 72, Church Street, South Paris.

1 p.m. - **Gilead Recreation Committee** fun winter activities at White Mountain National Forest picnic area. Everyone welcome. FMI: Alicia McLean 836-2153.

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Beef Pot Roast Supper** by Waterford World's Fair group at Harrison Calvary Community Church. Adults \$7, Children \$3.50.

Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7
New England Telemark Festival - Knees in the Trees Celebration, bluegrass jam presented by Gritty's at Mt. Abram. FMI: visit www.mtabram.com.

Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Band** (old-fashioned music) at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter.

Sunday, March 7

1 p.m. - **25th annual Mr. Machine Event** at Carter's XC Ski Center, Bethel. (Ski and snowshoe event.)

Tuesday, March 9

5:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Republicans Committee** social hour /dinner/meeting at Jackson-Silver Post American Legion, Gore Road, Locke Mills. Dinner: \$7.50. Guest speaker: Steve Abbott, 2010 Gubernatorial Candidate.

6:30 p.m. - **Oyster Stew Supper**. Mundt-Allen American Legion Post 81, Vernon Street, Bethel. All members and family invited. Speaker planned.

7 p.m. - **Beginning Woodlot Management** six-week course at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris, sponsored by Maine Forest Service. Cost: \$20, includes all materials. FMI: call Merle Ring, Maine Forest Service at 674-3787 or 441-3276. To sign up, visit Adult Education Office at OHCHS or call 743-8842 ext. 1.

Wednesday, March 10

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** potluck dinner/meeting at Bethel Methodist Church. Members to bring salad, hot dish or dessert and auction items.

6:30 p.m. - **Public Hearing** at Andover Town Office.

7:30 p.m. **Rumford Concert Association** presents "Nube" (Spanish for "cloud"), electric ensemble that blends Contemporary Latin American and World Music, at Muskie Auditorium, Rumford. Memberships current season: \$40, 18 and under free

when accompanied by adult.

Thursday, March 11

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, will present program by Lesley Rowse and Gary Inman about their work with the Forestry Service. Free and open to public. Light refreshments.

Becky Shaw Day at Mt. Abram. Performance by Jewel, Donnie and friends at 3 p.m.

Friday, March 12

2 to 5 p.m. **Grand Opening Norway Memorial Library Teen Room**. Music, refreshments, activities. FMI: 743-5309.

Saturday, March 13

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - **Flea Market/Bake Sale**, United Church of Christ, Route 5, Lovell. Table rental and FMI: Linda Libby 925-3661.

10 to 12 a.m. - **"Prostate Health: What We All Need to Know,"** by Bob and Mary Beane, members of "Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer," at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Sponsored by To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College. FMI: Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

5:30 p.m. - **Spaghetti Supper** to benefit Andover Food Pantry at Andover Congregational Church's CE Building. Cost: canned goods or donations.

5 to 9:30 p.m. - **St. Patrick Supper/Dance** at Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Supper: corned beef with fixings (5 to 6 p.m.), Music by Jones Band. Price: supper only \$7, dance only \$5. Benefit area veterans.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** Global Tour Wildlife Encounters at Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River. Price: adults \$6 advance or \$8 door; 12 and under \$4/\$6. FMI or advance tickets: (800) 543-2SKI.

Sunday, March 14

6 p.m. - **River Valley Men's Slowpitch Softball League** coaches meeting at 121 Harlow Hill Road, Mexico. Any person who wishes to coach a team welcome to attend (call Randy Gunther (207) 240-6152. Knowledgeable umpires needed, \$25/game.

Wednesday, March 17

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **REACH (Rape Education and Crisis Hotline) Clothesline Project** workshop at First Congregational Church, East Main Street, South Paris. T-shirts, decorating supplies, refreshments provided. FMI or participation sign up call 743-9777.

Thursday, March 18

3:30 P.M. - **Champion Sled dog and skijoring** racer Betsy McGettigan of Norway at Children's Room, Norway Memorial Library. Suitable for ages 5 thru 12; space limited. FMI or to register, call 743-5308 (Children's Room) by March 17.

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **"Caring for People with Parkinson's Disease"** program at MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Board Room, Stephens Memorial Hospital. Registration preferred. Cost: \$5. FMI or register: (866) 609-5183.

Friday, March 19

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus FarmShare Program**, what it is, how it can benefit you, where to apply, and local participating farms, at Norway Town Hall, 19 Danforth Street. FMI: visit www.seniorsplus.org, call 795-4010 or (800) 427-1241. Free and open to public.

6 p.m. - **Cabin Fever Bingo** at Locke Mills American Legion to benefit Woodstock Honor Roll enlargement. Doors open 4 p.m. FMI: Wayne Hakala 527-2234 or Elsie Bonney 875-3800.

Saturday, March 20

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Bake Sale** by Albany Congregational Church at Bethel Foodliner, to benefit scholarship fund.

Noon - **Buffet Luncheon**, fundraiser by Andover Service Circle on first floor Andover Town Hall, during Town Meeting break. Suggested donation: \$5. Homemade chowders, stews, chilies, breads, muffins and desserts.

Library Church Services

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1:40 pm; Thursday 1:40 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Upton Library: Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9-Noon.

Items for the Community Calendar

may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, E-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info., 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 6 pm. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m., FMI call 824-0550.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday

School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m., 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m., FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9

a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beekel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry: Interdenominational worship with the Rev. Don Coverdale every Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at White Cap, on the second floor. For more information, 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singerspration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

First Baptist Church of Paris

- On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave. The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 4 pm; Sunday Mass, 9:30 am; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am.

Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am. Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

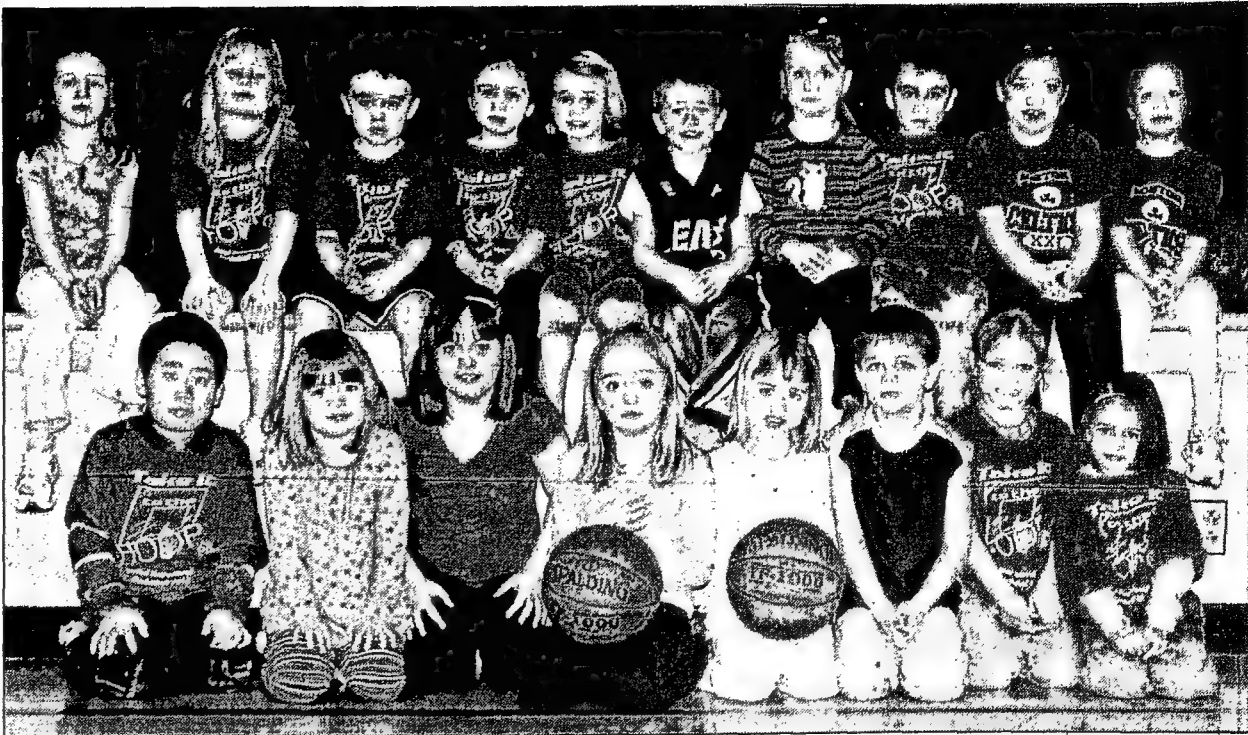
Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678). Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

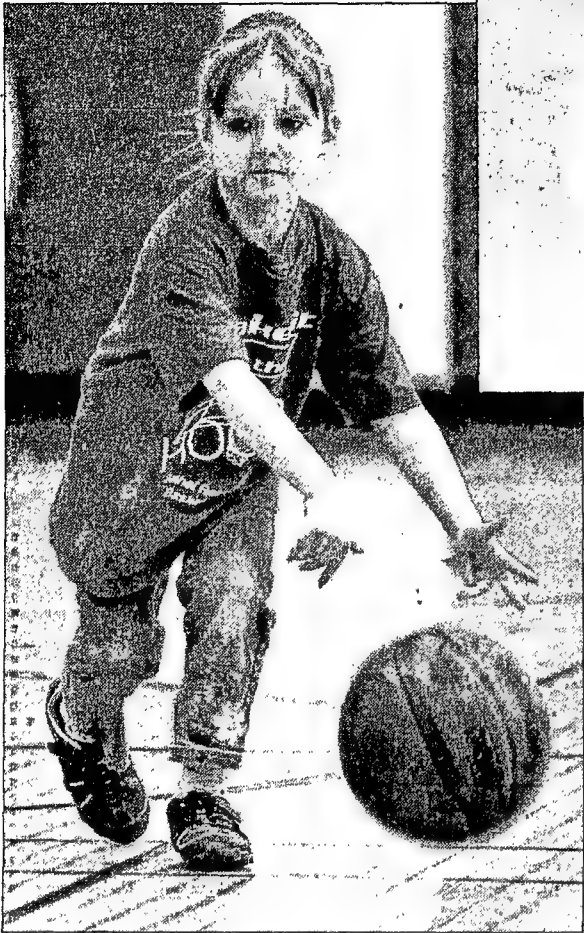
Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

Winter Basketball at CPS

The Bethel Rec Basketball Program (including grades K-5 and two middle-school age travel teams) has met for the past eight Saturdays at Crescent Park Elementary School. Approximately 80 kids have participated, under the guidance of coaches Michael Pelletier and Donna Howard. Howard fashioned the snowman "coach" at right.

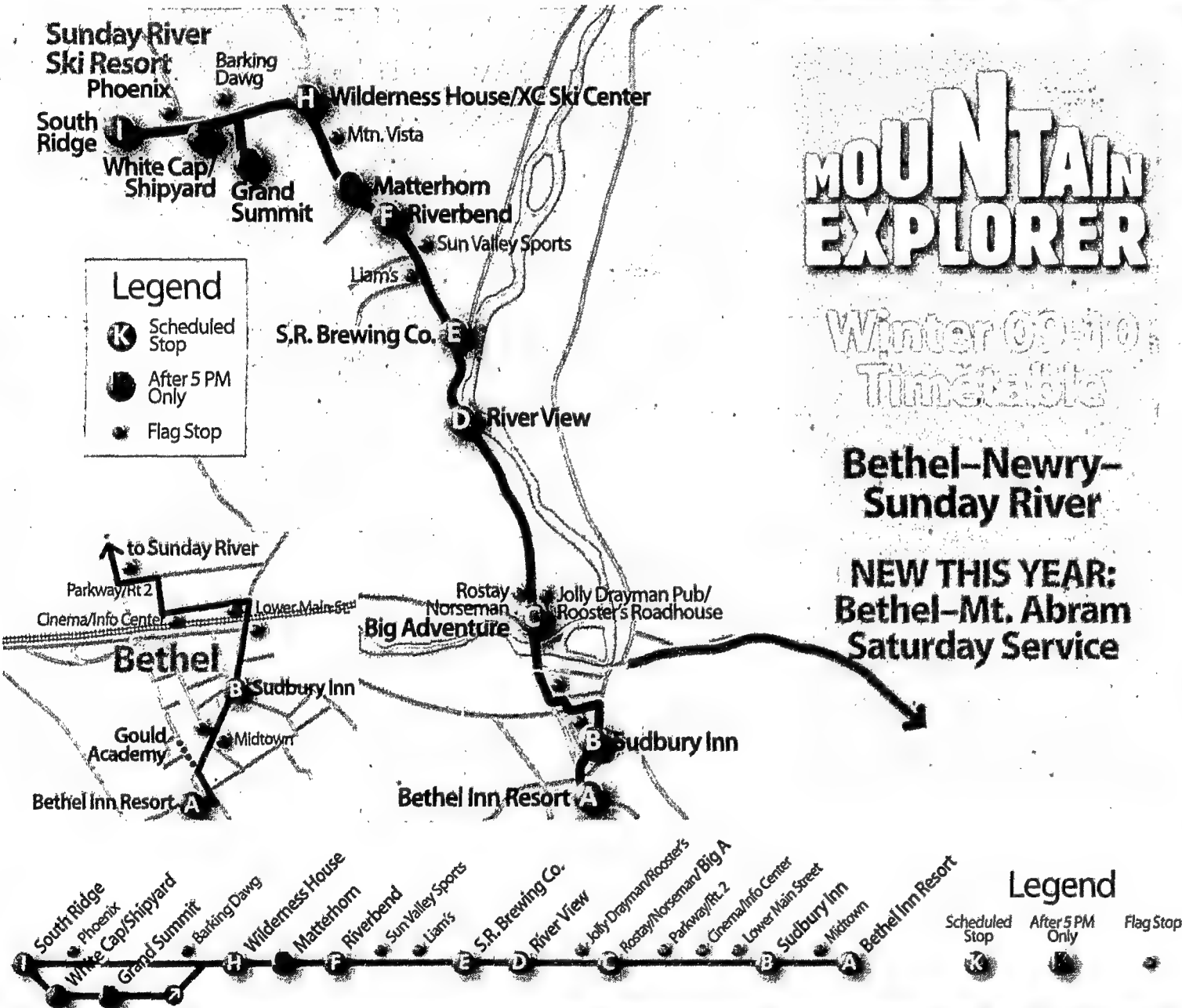


GRADE K-1—Front: Jacky Tse, Janna Botka, Lilla Botka, Alexis Ordway, Julia Ordway, Andrew Leighton, Alexis Hopper, Marianna Colby. Back: Celia Melanson, Peyton Meader, Corliss Ordway, Selena Ojeda, Morgan Zetts, Tristan Pelletier, Sophie Hanscom, Miles Lilly, Brooklyn Kimball, Leah Kimball.



Left: Alexis Hopper dribbles down the court. Near right: Jacky Tse takes a shot. Far right: Coach Michael Pelletier tells Jadyn Lane to "box out" Caroline Newell as they wait for a rebound.

(Photos: A. Aloisio)



Bethel-Newry-Sunday River

NEW THIS YEAR: Bethel-Mt. Abram Saturday Service

Bethel to Sunday River											
BETHEL INN	SUDBURY INN	NORSEMAN	RIVER VIEW	S.R. BREW	RIVER BEND	MATTERHORN	WLD HS	SOUTH RIDGE	WHITE CAP	GRAND SUMMIT	
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NEW Bethel to Mt. Abram Resort Saturday Shuttle											
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Service Notes
The Mt. Abram Resort bus operates Saturdays only, December 19 through March 27.
Buses to Sunday River operate weekends only between Thanksgiving and December 19, then daily until April 11.
Shaded times on Sunday River route operate Fridays, Saturdays, and vacation weeks only.
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SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 869 0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1.

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 656-8886 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 857. (877) 836-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Stratford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area call 744-4031 or call 869-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-6pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 864-3545 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-789-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-11 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392 4841.

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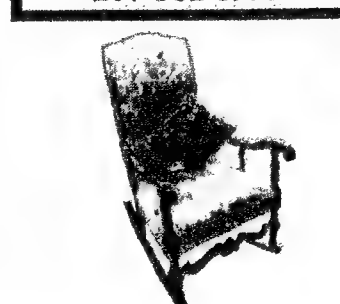
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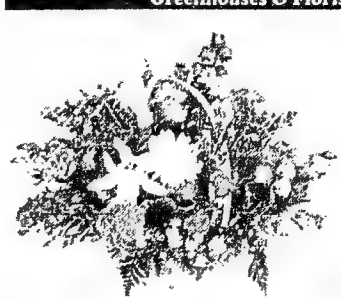
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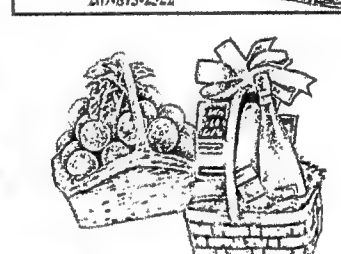
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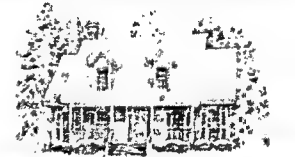
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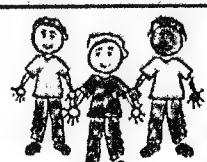
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School Lunch

Week of March 8 Telstar Lunches

Monday: Hot chicken patty/bun, whole kernel corn, applesauce.
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, turkey and cheese sandwich, Mandarin oranges.
Wednesday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce on whole wheat pasta, dinner roll, green beans, fresh Maine apple.
Thursday: Hot ham and cheese/bun, celery sticks, diced pears.
Friday: Fish nuggets, mashed potato, mixed veggies, sliced peaches.
 Fruit and vegetable bar available daily. Four servings of fruits and vegetables available.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Oven breaded chicken, rice, peas, salad and fruit bar or PB&J uncrustables.
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Wednesday: Cheese or pepperoni pizza, broccoli, salad and fruit bar or PB&J uncrustables.
Thursday: Beef stew, cheesy bread, salad and fruit bar or PB&J uncrustables.
Friday: Turkey Italian, pretzel twists, salad and fruit bar or tuna/bun, or PB&J fluff.
 Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and vegetables).

From Univ. Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center

Winter to some is the most beautiful season of all. The woods are quiet and peaceful; the snow provides opportunities for everything from easy wildlife tracking to snowshoeing and skiing, to snow shelter building.

Yet, among even the most avid outdoors people how many of us have actually chosen to camp outdoors when the mercury dips below the freezing mark?

On Presidents' Day weekend, twenty-six hearty Maine teens did just that. The group, part of "Operation Military Kids," joined together for an unforgettable winter outdoor adventure at the University of Maine's Bryant Pond 4-H Learning Center. OMK is a nationwide 4-H youth development program aimed at providing healthy outdoor activities and leadership development opportunities to military kids, some of whom have a parent deployed overseas.

UMaine Cooperative Extension Educator Karen Hatch Gagne, OMK Program Coordinator Tiffany Gillespie and several military and civilian volunteers have teamed up with the staff of Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center to put on a series of outdoor survival courses, the latest installment of which was the winter course at the camp.

The course covered survival skills such as prevention of hypothermia, shelter and fire building, as well as winter camping skills like cooking, navigation and snowshoeing. Despite the lack of snow cover, the group spent two nights in snow shelters they built themselves at one of several

remote campsites on Bryant Pond's 165-acre property.

Students, ages 11-18, came from all over the state, and represented military families from all branches of the armed forces.

To learn more about programs offered at Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center, call 665-2068, or visit their website at www.extension.umaine.edu/bryantpond.

The University of Maine Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center and Cooperative Extension recently partnered with the University of Maine Engineering Department and Mahosuc Kids Association, Telstar Middle School, and the after-school programs at Dirigo and Buckfield middle schools. A total of 28 students visited the campus and took part in a two-day engineering education program Feb. 15 and 16.

The students learned about new energy efficient bridge construction, wood composite wind turbines, electrical engineering using LCD energy efficient light boards among other programs.

In the area of chemical engineering, the participants learned how gold can be broken down into nano-particles which can then be injected into a human body. This process is used to identify pancreatic cancer cells. While visiting a local farm the participants got to see an ultrasound of a cow, and a tour of the equine facility.

The students focused on mechanical engineering, and took part in a robotics lab, which allowed them hands-on training with a plastic model used in arthroscopy surgery. They learned and saw how advancements in robotics have helped with the creation of artificial limbs with more mobility. The groups particularly liked seeing the twelve-inch robots that

could do cartwheels and back flips.

The students also got to partake in a lesson on integrated pest management. They learned some common sense practices that can be used for pest management with the least hazard to property, people and the environment. To round out the two days the students participated in a Maine Bound rock climbing experience, a tour of campus with students, and meals on campus with students.

Deans List

AT SNHU

Matthew Rolfe of Bethel was named to the president's list for the fall 2009 semester at Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, N.H.

AT CMMC

Local students on the president's list at Central Maine Community College for the fall semester 2009 are: Doreen Haley of Bethel and Maureen Isley of West Paris. On the high honors list: Nathan Zimmerer of Lovell and Hunt Collins of West Paris, and the honors list: Nicolas Anastasio of Andover, Sara Lyngholm of Bethel, Leann Gross of Hanover and Henry Bindbeutel, Patricia Haney and Jesiah Sande of West Paris.

AT UMF

The University of Maine at Farmington recently announced the following local students had achieved dean's list standing for the fall 2009-2010 semester:

Brianna Douglass of Albany Township, Heath Booth and Alyssa Steven of Bethel, Chelsea Cozzolino of Bryant Pond, Emily Files of Center Lovell and Elaina Sessions of West Paris.

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Jerry K's Korner on the Market! (An 8-legged perspective on Real Estate & Life)
So, Ben, can you believe how busy real estate activity has been lately?
You're right Jerry, it seems as though consumer confidence is resurging. People are looking at all sorts of properties... ski-in-ski-out condos, waterfronts, land parcels, log sided chalets, luxury town homes... The list goes on and on.
Well Ben, it is a great time to buy property, as the purchase prices are unbelievably reasonable with ever so competitive interest rates available through local lenders. Sellers can also take advantage of this phenomena when re-investing in the real estate market. All in all, it seems to be a win/win situation for consumers!
You Know Jerry, times like this makes me proud to be of the poodle persuasion... we're wicked smart, for sure!!!
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	\$299,500, Walkers Mills Road, Bethel; Stunning 4 bedroom, 3 full bath custom log chalet with finished daylight basement, cathedral ceilings, stainless kitchen, stone fireplace, main floor laundry, log deck, carpet, wood & tile floors and large sunny windows. Lots of special touches everywhere throughout this spacious, beautiful house, including several antler chandeliers. All on 3 nice acres within two minutes of downtown. Perfect ski house for a large crowd!
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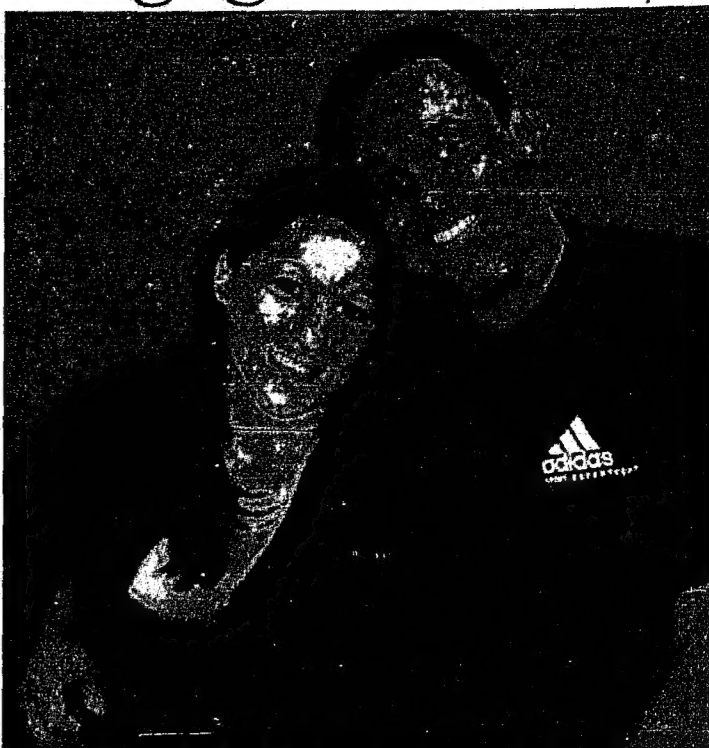
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ROUND POND IN LOCKE MILLS, on Tuesday afternoon. Officials are urging anyone thinking of going out on the ice anywhere in northern New England to exercise utmost care. (Photo: M. Daniels)

Engagements



Deegan — Benson

Ronald and Alice Deegan of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Ann Deegan, to Jeremy Paul Benson of Woodstock.

Michelle is a 2003 graduate of Telstar Regional High School and a graduate of CMMC with an Associates Degree in Human Services.

She is currently attending the University of Southern Maine where she will complete her Bachelor's of the Social and Behavioral Sciences program with a concentration in counseling.

Jeremy is also a 2003 graduate of Telstar Regional High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy from August 2003 thru August 2007 where he was an Ordnanceman and was a member of the "in-port Security Force" and the "Ships Self Defense Force" for two years on board the USS Theodore Roosevelt CVN-71.

He is currently employed with the Federal Protective Service and the Department of Homeland Security as a Federal Contract Officer working at the United States Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, Va.

He is attending the Advanced Technology Institute and is obtaining his Commercial Drivers License. No date is set for the wedding at this time.

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Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

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